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PREFACE.

The object of publishing these Journals independently of the Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, has been explained in the first volume issued (1704-9).

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March 10, 1714—15. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Their Lordships proceeding in considering the several papers relating to the garrison and trade of Newfoundland [Q. fo. 467 ; fo. 76], according to their resolution, yesterday, the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, upon that subject, was agreed and signed.

Sir Gerard Conyers Deputy Govr. and some other Members of the Turkey Company attending, they presented to their lordships a memorial in support of the allegations of their petition to his Majesty [Q. fo. 446 ; fo. 16], referred to this Board by the Order of Council mentioned in the Minutes of the 2nd instant, relating to the mourning, and the prejudice their trade receives from the French ; which Memorial was read ; and these Gentlemen were acquainted that their lordships would consider further on it, in order to a report thereupon, which after Sir Gerard &c. were withdrawn, they resolved to do on Wednesday next.

Then their Lordships made a further progress in considering papers relating to Jamaica [Q. fo. 461 ; fo. 4] and the letter from the Board of the 21st of June, 1714, to the Lord Archibald Hamilton Govr. of that island, was read, and their representations of the 22nd of the same month and 16th July, 1714, the one relating to Mr. Archboulds being of the Council, the other to an act about the Freeholders of Kingston, were laid before the Board. The letters from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, dated the 5th of May and 6th of October, that dated the 7th and 25th of October, and another of the 10th of Decr., 1714, with the Minutes of Council and Assembly, referred to in the last mentioned, were read ; as likewise that to Mr. Thurston mentioned in the Minutes of the 3rd instant. And their lordships agreed to consider the draughts of instructions for the Lord Archibald Hamilton at the first opportunity.

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March 11. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

A memorial from Col. Jennings, praying he may be continued of his Majesty's Council in Virginia, was read [*fo. 4*]; whereupon ordered that he be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Monday morning next, and that he bring with him at the same time his licence for being absent from the said Council.

Their lordships then agreed that the names of the twelve persons under mentioned, in case Col. Jennings have a licence to be absent, be inserted in the following order, as his Majesty's Council of that Colony, in the draught of instructions prepared for the Earl of Orkney, Govr. thereof, vizt. Edmund Jennings, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwel, John Smith, John Lewis, William Byrd, William Basset, William Cocke, Edmund Berkley, Nathaniel Harrison and Mann Page.

A letter from Mr. Harris to the Secretary, dated this day, together with an inclosed copy of a repn. of the Merchants and others interested in Jamaica, relating to the French settlements at Hispaniola, and some remarks on their other settlements in North America, were laid before the Board, and read.

After which, their lordships took into consideration several observations they had made upon the Jamaica papers lately before the Board [*fo. 26*], and likewise made a progress in considering the draughts of instructions to be given to the Lord Archibald Hamilton Govr. of that island.

March 14. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

A letter from Col. Jennings to the Secretary, of this days date [*fo. 3, 17*], desiring to be excused from waiting on their lordships by reason of his indisposition, was read; as likewise the copy of her late Majesty's licence to him to be absent from the Council of Virginia, dated the 19th of June, 1713; whereupon it not appearing, whether the time limited by the said licence for Col. Jennings's absence be expired; ordered that he be desired to attend the Board as soon as possibly he can.

And in the meantime their lordships resuming the consideration of what was directed at the last meeting [*fo. 3*], relating to the names of persons to be inserted as Councillors of Virginia in the draught of instructions prepared for the Earl of Orkney to be Govr. of that Colony, the paragraphs C & D of Colonel Spotswood's letter of the 9th of March, 1713, relating to Mr. Berkeley's being appointed of the said Council, were read; whereupon ordered that the name of Mr. Edmund Berkeley be placed after those of Mr. Nathaniel Harrison and Mr. Mann Page, in the said draught of instructions.

Mr. George Brailsford attending communicated to their lordships, part of a letter from his brother Mr. James Brailsford, dated at Oporto the 5th of Novr. last, relating to the French trading with the Brazils, by their ships putting into those parts, under pretence of stress of weather, which was read, and an extract made thereof.

He further communicated to their lordships a letter to his brother at Oporto from a correspondent at Cadiz, dated the 10th of Decr., 1714, relating to the ill condition of the British trade in Spain since the peace, and the great encouragement and authority the French have in that Kingdom, &c. which was read.

And Mr. Brailsford added in discourse, that he had heard there were now about 32 sail of French ships in the South Seas.

Then their lordships proceeded in considering the remaining observations they had made upon the Jamaica papers before them [fo. 4, 54], and gave several directions in relation to the draughts of instructions preparing for the Lord Archibald Hamilton Govr. of that island.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [fo. 9], to desire directions may be given by the Admiralty for promoting a good understanding between the Govrs. of Plantations and the Commanders of ships of war or squadrons appointed to attend the service of any of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America, and to submit it to his Majesty, whether it may not be proper for the said Commanders to be subject to his Majesty's Govrs. of those respective plantations, as formerly during their continuance on those stations was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Lowndes [Q. fo. 124], desiring to know what directions have been given upon the letter from the late Board of Trade, dated the 12th of Feby., 1713—14 to the then Lord Treasurer, relating to the escheated estate of Williamina Kupius in Jamaica.

Further ordered that Col. Laws, Col. Long, Mr. Oldfield and Mr. Ayscough be desired to attend the Board on Friday morning next, [fo. 19], together with such other Gentlemen concerned in Jamaica, as they shall think fit to bring with them.

March 15. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Martyn Inspector General fo His Majesty's Customs [Q. fo. 431; fo. 47], desiring to know what progress he has made in the accts. demanded of him the 18th of the last month, and that as he finishes any one of those particulars, he would send it to this Board.

A letter from Mr. Rigby, dated at Colchester the 12th of March 1714—15 [fo. 27] promising to attend the Board, the next week, was read.

Mr. Orby attending [Q. fo. 402; fo. 38], a memorial from him praying that since the Earl of Clarendon has entered a Caveat agst. an act passed at New York in Sept. last for the support of that Governmt. &c. his Lordship may be hastened to lay his objections thereto before this Board, was read; whereupon a letter was ordered to be writ to his Lordship for that purpose accordingly.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [fo. 6, 40] agreed yesterday, relating to directions to be given by the Admiralty for promoting a good understanding, between the Govrs. of his Majesty's plantations in America and the Commanders of ships of war there, was signed.

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Nova Scotia.
*Colonel Vetch
 about
 removal of French
 Inhabitants with
 their effects.*

Col. Vetch attending, according to appointment [Q. fo. 463], upon occasion of his letter mentioned in the minutes of the 9th instant, relating to Nova Scotia, and being asked several questions, relating to the French inhabitants there; he said that they seemed to be commanded to go from thence, and several of the young people went to Cape Briton, but that even after the return of some of them (tho' as Col. Vetch had heard, the said young people were not allowed by Major Caulfield Commander at Annapolis to return again) the rest of the inhabitants of Nova Scotia were averse to removing, and would gladly stay were they encouraged by the protection of the Government. That tho' most of the said inhabitants are French, and but few English, besides the garrison, it would be our interest to keep them there, being about 4 or 5 hundred families, and even any inhabitants notwithstanding they should not prove our friends upon a rupture with France, rather than to suffer the Country to be depopulated, and the corn, cattle, and other effects removed, as they are preparing to do, to Cape Breton; for that by these inhabitants remaining, the country will be in a much better condition to receive such, as may go from Great Britain to settle there, and should the French wholly remove with their effects to Cape Breton, it would at once make that place a strong settlement with little charge to them, and thereby do us more harm than they could by remaining in Nova Scotia. And being particularly asked, whether the influence of the garrison at Annapolis could hinder the said inhabitants from removing their cattle, and other effects; he answered, that he believed it might in a great measure, if not intirely.

Nova Scotia.
*His Memorial about
 returning to
 Nova Scotia and
 preventing the
 Inhabitants removal.*

A memorial from Sir Charles Hobby, relating to the necessity of some speedy resolutions to be taken in relation to Nova Scotia, and praying that he may have orders to return to that country and endeavour to prevent the removal of the French inhabitants of that province was read, and Sir Charles being called in, and asked several questions, he delivered himself in discourse to the same effect as his said memorial, and further added in relation to the affection of the French inhabitants of Nova Scotia, to the crown of Great Britain, that they declared they would stand neuter in case of a rupture between us and France, and Sir Charles being particularly asked, whether any of the French had been ordered away, he said he heard some orders had been given by Col. Nicholson for that purpose, but that he thought it our interest to assure them of the protection of the Govnt. Sir Charles likewise acquainted the Board, that he had furnished several of the inhabitants of Nova Scotia, as well French as English (tho' there were but few of the latter) with necessary materials and utensils for fishing at Cape Sables; and hoped upon his return to promote the publick as well as his own particular advantage, if the said inhabitants were assured of the Governments protection, that he was ready to return by the ships now bound to New Engld., but that the difference between Col. Nicholson and Col. Vetch, defers the passing of his commn. to be Lieut. Govr. of Annapolis.

Mr. Shirif
*examined about
 French Inhabitants
 etc.*

Mr. Shirif, mentioned in a memorandum annexed to Col. Vetch's letter of the 9th instant attending [Q. fo. 463], he was called in; and upon examination, acquainted their lordships that he came

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from Annapolis in Novr. last, and had served Major Caulfield the Lieutenant Govr. of that place. That the French inhabitants were then talking of removing for want of encouragement to remain there. That they had a sloop seized by the Collector by order he supposed from Col. Nicholson, for trading with the Indians for furs &c., about three months before he came away, and that an English ship had been debarred the same privilege, tho' he knew not for what reason. That some young people were removing, but that the proprietors of plantations were unwilling to leave their settlements, and if they go off with their cattle, there will remain no fresh provisions. That some French officers had come thither from their other settlements, tho' many of the inhabitants stay yet, and had presented a memorial [fo. 29] to Lieutenant Govr. Caulfield, of which Mr. Shirif promised their lordships a copy.

*Memorial to
Caulfield promised.*

Mr. Shirif being then asked what number of cattle there might be in Nova Scotia, he said, he could not very well compute, but that several planters had good stocks, particularly one Pierre Le Blanc had 20 or 30, and others in proportion enough to maintain the Garrison. That none of them had yet removed with their cattle when he came away. And as to the number of people, he had heard they can bring 700 men in arms.

Col. Nicholson who attended likewise was then called in, and he laid before their lordships several maps drawn by Captain Southack of the Coasts of Nova Scotia, and parts adjacent; and he likewise presented to the Board the copy of a letter from Monsr. Denyes to the French King in 1687, attested by the said Southack, relating to the products of that country, and the improvement it is capable of, which was read; after which their lordships entering into discourse with Col. Nicholson in relation to the French inhabitants of Nova Scotia; Col. Nicholson declared he was against our having any of them: For that in case of a rupture they would declare for the French and that our people would be then confined to the Garrison. And he was of opinion because they had refused to take an oath to oppose the subjects of the French King (but would take one to live peaceably) it would be better for us if they were all at Cape Briton where we should be certain of them than scattered among us where we could have no dependence upon them. That at Cape Briton the soil is so bad they cannot keep cattle or plant. But the fishery is very good there. That as to our garrison in Nova Scotia Col. Nicholson said provisions should be sent from hence in case they were streightned. That if there were no rupture with France, it would be no damage to keep the French inhabitants at Nova Scotia, but that we could have no reliance upon them so long as they had their priests and Jesuits among them who have likewise a mighty influence upon the Indians, which latter we could only gain by presents and underselling the French; and as those Indians would be a great advantage by the commerce new settlers might have with them, so they would be a great detriment to us if the French and their priests are able to retain them. That it is necessary to have a small fortification on the fishing coast of Nova Scotia, which with a garrison of 4 Companies of 80 men each as now at Annapolis would defend itself all the winter, and that in summer

*Colonel Nicholson.
Maps.*

*Copy of letter from
Monsieur Denyes
to the
French King.*

*Discourse about
French Inhabitants
of Nova Scotia.*

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we should be masters at sea which would secure our trade and fishery there. And being then asked what the charge of such a fort might be he said he did not know, but thought it proper that one or more engineers should be first sent thither with a small frigate to survey those parts and make return thereof, and that such return might be the more impartial he proposed that such engineers should have no prospect of returning in any employment to those parts, that at the time the survey shall be made the bounds might be settled according to the articles of peace &c. Col. Nicholson being further asked if he knew of any vessels being seized for trading with the Indians, he said he knew of none.

*Representation about
Nova Scotia.*

Upon consideration of all which matters relating to Nova Scotia [fo. 18], directions were given for preparing the draught of a repn. to be laid before his Majesty.

Barbados.
*Mr. Lowther
Governor
took leave.*

Mr. Lowther Govr. of Barbadoes attending, he acquainted their lordships that he designed to embark in a few days for that island; whereupon he took his leave of the Board.

Newfoundland.
*Sir William Lewin.
Representation from
Poole.*

March 16. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Sir Wm. Lewin attending presented to their lordships a representation from the Merchants of Poole [fo. 270] proposing several new regulations relating to the fishery at Newfoundland, which was read.

Trade.
*Report to the Council
on petition
about mourning etc.*

A report to the Lords of his Majesty's most honble. Privy Council, pursuant to their lordships order of the 28th of the last month, upon the petitions of the Turkey Company, Italian merchants and silk manufacturers of London and Canterbury [fo. 1], relating to the mourning, and the prejudice the British trade receives from the French, was signed.

Plantations General.
*Counsellors
laying down
precedency.*

Their lordships considering the inconvenience of persons laying down their places in his Majesty's Councils in the plantations in America [fo. 17], and after an interval of time on their readmission, insisting upon the same rank and precedency in the said Councils, which they formerly enjoyed, resolved that all persons having voluntary left their places in the said Councils, and being readmitted therein, do take precedency only according to their readmission, and as if they had never been formerly members thereof.

Virginia.
*Colonel Jennings
about
his absence from the
Council.*

Col. Jennings attending as desired [fo. 4, 100] the copy of her late Majesty's licence to be absent from the Council of Virginia mentioned in the Minutes of the 14th instant, was again read. And their lordships finding by the time Col. Jennings had been absent from Virga. that the said licence was not yet expired, he was acquainted that his name was inserted as first of his Majesty's Council of Virginia, in the draught of instructions prepared for the Earl of Orkney to be Govr. of that Colony.

*His name
inserted first.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Instructions for the
Governor.*

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope for transmitting the foresaid draught of instructions for the Earl of Orkney, as likewise the draught of instructions for his lordship, which particularly relate to the Acts of Trade and Navigation, was signed.

Ordered that a letter be prepared to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [*fo.* 16], to desire that no Councillor of any of his Majesty's Plantations may obtain his Majesty's leave to be absent from the same, until the Board be acquainted therewith, and have given their opinion thereupon.

The draught of a representation ordered yesterday to be prepared [*fo.* 15. 19] relating to Nova Scotia, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

March 17. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope [*fo.* 17] ordered yesterday to be prepared, relating to Councillors of his Majesty's Plantations obtaining licences for absence in this Kingdom, was signed.

Ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, to desire his Majesty's several Consuls &c. in foreign parts may have directions to assemble the British Merchants residing within their jurisdictions, and to transmit hither annual accounts of the state of the British trade there, as likewise what they know of that of foreigners.

The representation agreed yesterday [*fo.* 18], relating to Nova Scotia, was signed, as likewise a letter for enclosing the same to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, in order to be laid before his Majesty.

March 18. Present :—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cook, Mr. Docminique.

Col. Laws, Col. Thompson, Mr. Oldfield, Mr. Askew and several other Jamaica planters attending [*fo.* 7], as they had been desired the 14th instant, they were asked several questions, particularly,

How the Case of the Bonds for the duties on prize goods in Jamaica stood at present ?

To this they said, that there were about nine thousand pounds of those bonds standing out, but that a great many of the persons, who have given those bonds, were run away to Campeche, and there are employed in cutting of logwood, that if the said nine thousand pounds could be recovered and applied to the bringing of white servants to the island it would be of service.

Then being asked, what number of soldiers they thought might be necessary for the defence of the island, they said, that the two companies now there would not be sufficient in case of a war, nor even now, should the rebellious negroes persuade the others to join with them in any attempt upon the island, but the Assembly are unwilling to quarter even those, that are there at present. That they have very few white inhabitants there which they attributed in part to the war and the logwood trade, which has carried a great many from them. They thought if there could be a Fund found for paying the passages of such people as should go from hence thither and they to be free upon their arrival, some small parcels of land granted to them, and that they should be placed for the first three months after their arrival upon those who were deficient in their number of white men, it would be one means of settling the island. But then they proposed, that the said people should be obliged to

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repay their passage in case they leave the island in four years. That it would further conduce to the settlement of the Island if a law were passed to enforce the present law about collecting of quit rents, and that all such as are deficient in their number of white men be obliged to pay a certain sum per annum for each deficiency, and an officer appointed to collect the same. That every boat keeper be obliged to keep one white man per boat or to pay forty shillings per annum. And that every planter having twenty negroes be obliged to keep one white woman servant.

Then being asked their opinion about negroes being bred to handicraft trades, they said, that they thought the planters might be permitted to employ such negroes for their own private business only, and that it might be of service if a law were passed prohibiting negro tradesmen after a year or two to work in towns, and likewise to prohibit white artificers after the same term to breed up any more blacks to trade.

Being asked, whether it was usual in Jamaica for the Assembly to order persons into custody? They said they have done it in relation to their own members, and to others upon breach of privilege.

Their lordships then enquired whether it was customary in Jamaica for the Assembly to adjourn themselves without the leave of the Govr. except from day to day, they said that it was entirely new.

The number of the Assembly was thirty seven, of which fifteen made a quorum for adjourning, seventeen to read a bill, and twenty two to pass a bill; but that those several quorums were generally altered every new assembly.

As to the lands ungranted in Jamaica, they said there was very little good, but what was under patents. However they doubted not, but that for the peopling of the island, the gentlemen who had large tracts, would be willing to give away enough for that use.

They added in discourse that they did not think it convenient that the Attorney General and provost Marshal should be of the Council of that island.

As for the method of escheats, they said, the value was found by a jury upon oath, and they could not propose any better method for the discovery thereof.

After this, these Gentlemen were desired to consult together, and to let their lordships have as soon as conveniently may be, their thoughts in writing about the speedy peopling of that island, which they promised to do accordingly.

A letter from Mr. Gossalin of Bilboa of the 14th of this month [fo. 24], to Mr. Richard Lechmere relating to the Spaniards pretending to fish at Newfoundland was communicated to the Board, and read, and directions given for preparing a letter to inclose a copy thereof to Mr. Secry. Stanhope.

March 21. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope directed yesterday [fo. 23] to be prepared for enclosing the copy of one from Mr. Gossalin of Bilbao,

*Newfoundland.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

relating to the Spaniards pretending to fish at Newfoundland, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 16th instant, referring to the Board a petition from the Merchants of London, trading to Newfoundland, was read.

March 22. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A scheme of the trade from England to all parts for four years and a quarter, during the peace after the treaty of Ryswick vizt. from Michs. 1697 to Christmas 1701, reduced to a medium for one year, was communicated to the Board.

Captn. Fairley attending, as he had been desired, and being asked several questions in relation to Newfoundland, he said that he came from Placentia in June last, that the fort was then in a very bad condition that there is a hill behind it which commands it; that he had passed all the winter there, and lodged in the French Govrs. house, and being acquainted with the French officers, he had learnt from them, that Cape Breton is a much better place, for a settlement and fishery than Placentia; that when the French went from Placentia to Cape Breton they carried away 160 guns, with all the powder and shot; that the soil at Cape Breton is very good, and fit for corn and other productions; and in a word preferable in all respects to Placentia. But he added that the beach at Placentia was the most spacious and best in all Newfoundland for curing of fish.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 19th instant, [vide infra] with a petition of several merchants concerned in the trade and fishery of Newfoundland, relating to the survey begun of that island &c. and recommending Captain Taverner to protect that work, for the opinion of this Board thereupon, was read; and directions given for preparing an answer to Mr. Secrys. said letter.

March 23. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope directed yesterday to be prepared in answer to his of the 19th instant [vide supra, fo. 80], upon a memorial from some merchants of London, relating to the survey of Newfoundland, and Capt. Taverners being recommended to finish the same was signed.

Captain Wade presented to their Lordships a memorial containing an account of the abuses committed in the fishery at Newfoundland and his proposals for remedy thereof, which was read.

The Earl of Orkney communicated to the Board two letters from the Lord Archibald Hamilton to him of the 15th of November, and 10th of Decr. last [fo. 38], giving an account of the proceedings of the Assembly of Jamaica, and desiring that Mr. Chaplin and Mr. Blair may be left out of the Council of that Island, which were read, and the Board desiring his Lordships to let them have extracts of the said letter he promised to do it accordingly.

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Spaniards fishing at Newfoundland.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope. Petition of Merchants.

Trade.

Scheme of Trade to all parts. in the last peace.

Newfoundland.
Captain Fairley.

Placentia.

Cape Breton.

Letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope. Petition of Merchants about survey. Taverner recommended. Answer.

Newfoundland.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope on Merchants memorial about survey and Taverner. Captain Wade. Memorial about abuses in the Fishery etc.

Jamaica.
Earl of Orkney. Two letters from the Governor Lord Archibald Hamilton.

Extracts promised.

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Mr. Rigby.
Misbehaviour of
Assembly.

Mr. Aylmer
summoned.

Speedy peopling and
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Island.
Jamaica weak.

Strength of French at
Hispaniola.

Law about white
servants
a discouragement.

Proposal about white
people going over.

Mulattoes should be
free.

Major Howard and
Captain Harler
summoned.

Nova Scotia.
Memorial from
Sherrif.
Certificate in favour
of Major Caulfield.

Miscellanies.
Mr. Vernon
desiring
copies of paper.

Mr. Rigby attending [fo. 8] and being asked the reason that the Assembly of Jamaica have of late so misbehaved themselves as appears by my Lord Archibald Hamilton's letters, he said that it has all happened since his being come from that island, and that he thought that their Lordships might have the best account of that from the Gentlemen here, who are the chief abettors of the faction in Jamaica, and he named particularly Mr. Whitgift Aylmer, whereupon ordered [fo. 32] that the said Aylmer have notice to attend the Board on Friday morning next.

Then being asked his opinion of what might be proper to be done for the speedy settling and planting that island; he said that it was absolutely necessary that something should be done, and that as soon as possible; for that the island was in a very weak condition, there not being in his opinion above 1400 men fit to bear arms, that they have lost since the peace above a thousand white men, who have left the island; and on the other hand the French have not only possessed themselves of the greater part of Hispaniola, but are daily increasing the number of their people there, insomuch that since the peace it is augmented above 1500. That the law for encouraging of white servants has never been put in execution. Besides that there are several things in it so hard upon the said servants, that it is rather a discouragement to them to go thither. That it would be necessary that such white people as went over should be free upon their arrival. That they should have some land given them to settle upon, and that the Govrt. should give them credit for small negroes, as the French King does to his subjects at Hispaniola, that if all Mulattoes and Indians were declared free, it would be another help towards the peopling of the island. And he promised to join with the Gentlemen who attended the Board on Friday last in giving their lordships their opinion concerning the speedy peopling of that island.

And Mr. Rigby being asked more particularly concerning the number of white men now at Jamaica [fo. 30], he said that Major Howard and Capt. Harler (of Colonel Handasyd's regiment) lately arrived from thence could give their lordships a much better account thereof than himself, whereupon ordered that they be desired to attend the Board on Friday next.

March 24. Present:—Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

A memorial from Mr. Sherrif [fo. 12], relating to the French inhabitants of Nova Scotia, removing to Cape Breton with a certificate of several of the said inhabitants in favour of Major Caulfield Lieut. Govr. of Annapolis was read.

Mr. Vernon, a member of the late Board of Trade, having signified his desire to have copies of the memorial recd. from Sir William Hodges mentioned in the Minutes of the 24th of May, 1711 (Trade Bundle M. No. 69). The instructions given from time to time to the British Commissaries appointed to treat with those of France, as also of their report, and of the several papers relating to the

Flanders Treaty, ordered that such person as he shall send for that purpose, have liberty to take copies thereof.

March 25. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Major Howard and Captain Harler attending as desired [*fo.* 29], and being asked several questions relating to the present state of Jamaica; they acquainted their lordships, that they left that island in Decr. last, at which time there were only two Companies of Major General Handasyd's late regiment of 100 men each, for the defence of it, and that those men for want of the additional subsistence, which used to be provided for them, by the Assembly, were supported by the Lord Archd. Hamilton out of his own pocket. That Jamaica is exposed to be insulted by the French of Hispaniola, whenever they think fit to attack it; and they further said we had heretofore many more white people in Jamaica, tho' they believed we had not at present 2000 fighting men there since about 1500 were gone to cut logwood in the Bay of Campeche &c. whilst they heard the French were very strong at Hispaniola, and growing more so by families coming every day thither to settle. That as to the number of blacks in Jamaica, they computed it at 50, or 60,000, and if the forementioned two companies were withdrawn from that island the inhabitants would be in very great danger from their negroes, as well as any foreign invader. In relation to the differences between the Govr. and Assembly, they said they had heard of such differences, but knew not the reason of them. That they knew of no complaints against the Govr., nor did they believe there was cause for any. But that whatever the Govr. asked of the Assembly, was refused, tho' they never heard he desired anything unreasonable.

Major Howard and Captn. Harler then withdrew, and Col. Laws with sevl. other Gentlemen, interested in the island of Jamaica, as planters and otherwise, were called in and presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the better peopling and planting that island, which was read. And it being observed to these Gentlemen that the said memorial made no mention of the forces, necessary for the defence of the island, Col. Laws said that it could not be safe at present without two ships of war of 40 or 50 guns and a sloop for intelligence. That formerly in time of peace there used to be 2 fourth rates of the force above-mentioned when the island had 5 times the number of men upon it fit to bear arms it has now. And that the mighty strength the French are lately grown to at Hispaniola, with the number of their cruizers upon us, make it more necessary to have at least such a guard. That the two companies of soldiers are likewise necessary to be continued, and a greater force in case of any rupture, there having been a squadron and two regiments sent thither upon the approach of the last war.

Mr. Aylmer being present [*fo.* 27], was then asked what were the grounds of the Assembly's refusing to provide the usual additional subsistence for the forementioned two companies of soldiers so necessary for the defence of the island, and without which the said

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Jamaica.
*Major Howard and
Captain Harler.
Present state of
Jamaica.
Forces there.*

How supported.

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the French at
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soldiers could not live, to which he answered, that Jamaica having suffered very great hardships by hurricanes and otherwise, the Council and Assembly had addressed her late Majesty to ease the island of the charge of soldiers by the disbanding them, which address Mr. Aylmer said he delivered to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, and he read to their lordships part of two letters from Jamaica, relating to the said address, and in confirmation that it was the general opinion there, that the said soldiers were a burthen to them. But Mr. Aylmer being then asked how they proposed to secure the island in case the said soldiers were disbanded, he said he only spoke the sence of his constituents, and desired to be excused from giving any other opinion, concerning the said two companies. But he produced to their lordships a letter, whereof he read a paragraph, proposing that the said soldiers should be disbanded, and made free whereby they would most of them settle in Jamaica, and the island be rid of this charge, without diminishing their strength; to which several of the Gentlemen present replied, that most of the soldiers of the regiment lately disbanded in Jamaica were come away from thence, or preparing to do so. And Col. Laws said upon this occasion, that if disbanded soldiers were encouraged to settle in Jamaica, it would be a good expedient to people the island by disbanding the soldiers from time to time, and sending fresh supplies; and that before there were soldiers, no deficiencies for white people were ever collected.—That nothing but their own preservation would incline the people to maintain the expence of soldiers, whose additional allowance for quarters and subsistence was to each officer 52*l.* and to each private man 13*l.* per ann.

And in further relation to the better settlement and peopling of Jamaica, these Gentlemen said, that on occasion of the great decay of Jamaica had been the burning of Port Royal, and the want of women there. That about 2000 men were gone from thence to cut logwood at Campeche &c.—to which place many fresh men from Europe go soon after their arrival at Jamaica, which is attributed to a defect in the law to encourage the better settlement of that island.—And Mr. Rigby who was present observed, that the inhabitants of Jamaica employ their white servants as overseers &c. in the fields, whilst in their houses they are served by blacks; whereupon these Gentlemen were all unanimously of opinion, that the use of white servants in families should be encouraged as much as possible. Mr. Rigby further observed, that a white woman did not save a deficiency, which had been a great fault in the act upon that subject, and Mr. Wood likewise acquainted their lordships that white people were not so much employed since that Act was not in force.

In relation to the settlement at Hispaniola, and the encouragement given by the French King to his subjects there, they said—That since their last attendance on this Board, they had intelligence of 90 families lately gone to Hispaniola out of France—Who on their arrival at Hispaniola, were to have land and negroes assigned them out of a fund for that purpose, for which negroes they afterwards pay by small annual portions, and the land is confirmed to

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them in proportion to what they settle—That the French ships carry those people freight free, and the late inhabitants of the French part of St. Christophers were transported to Hispaniola, all which was done at the publick charge.

Col. Laws and the rest of these Gentlemen then withdrew, except Mr. Aylmer, who was particularly asked the occasion of the misbehaviour of the Assembly, their neglecting the defence of the island, by refusing provision for the soldiers &c. pretending to a power personally to muster the troops &c.: whereupon he said, it was not out of any disrespect to the Lord Archd. Hamilton, their present Govr.; that as to the soldiers, the Assembly were unwilling to have that charge intailed upon them, and he desired to be excused from giving his consent to the keeping on the said two companies now there—Tho' being urged to declare whether he thought the island safe, he owned that in his private opinion it was in danger—That as to the Assembly's offering to muster the troops &c. he hoped it was a mistake in the transcripts of the Minutes, from whence that observation was made.

Mr. Aylmer being further questioned in relation to a letter sent by him to Jamaica, sometime ago, whereof an extract is mentioned in some of the minutes of the Council and Assembly, relating to the dispatch of business here in England, concerning Jamaica, and particularly the Acts of that island, he said that he hoped that a favourable interpretation, would be put upon what he had written, not designing any reflection on the Govr. but that it proceeded from his desire to forward the dispatch of an act relating to possessions, which was not solicited by any other of the Gentlemen here, concerned in Jamaica—And that some of the books and records of the island being lost, several Merchants had presented a Memorial upon the same subject [M. 95] and five of the Gentlemen of the Council had voted in his, the said Aylmer's favour, for which they had given their reasons.

March 28. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiqne.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes to the Secry. dated the 16th instant, signifying the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury's desire, upon one inclosed from Mr. Blathwayt, that this Board, would inform them if there be any rule or instruction for disposing of the half salary of the Govrs. of his Majesty's plantations, during the said Govrs. absence from their respective governments, and in relation to the allowances for the charge of transporting themselves and families, was read, together with Mr. Blathwayt's said letter; and the draught of an answer thereto, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

A letter from Mr. Pulteney, his Majesty's Secretary at War, dated the 25th instant [fo. 39, 52], referring to the Board the petition of Lieut. Colonel Reading for the Govnt. of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, was read [fo. 42, 46]; and directions given for searching the books of this office if there be any precedent of references to this Board by the Secretary at War in relation to the recommendation of Governors.

Barbadoes.
Plantations General.
Letter from Mr.
Lowndes.
Governors half
salaries
during absence.
Letter from Mr.
Blathwayt.

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Letter from Mr.
Pulteney.
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petition.
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*Letter from Mr.
Parkes.
Extracts of letters
from Lord Archibald
Hamilton
to Earl of Orkney.*

New York.

*Mr. Orby.
Acts about payment
of public debts.
Lord Clarendon's
objections etc.*

Acts to be considered.

A letter from Mr. Parkes by order of the Earl of Orkney [fo. 27], with the extracts of two letters to his Lordship from the Lord Archd. Hamilton Govr. of Jamaica, dated the 15th of Novr. and 10th Decr., 1714, mentioned in the Minutes of the 23 March 1714-15, was read.

Mr. Orby attending [fo. 8] and representing to their lordships, that it is of very great consequence to the Govnt. of New York, that the Acts relating to the payment of the debts of that province, against which the Earl of Clarendon has presented a caveat, should be considered as soon as possible in order to his Majesty's pleasure thereupon; and observing further that my Lord Clarendon has had copies thereof near a month ago, and been since pressed for his objections in writing to the said Acts; their lordships resolved to proceed in the consideration thereof at the first opportunity.

March 29. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynde, Mr. Cooke,

The Secry. acquainted the Board [fo. 37] that pursuant to their lordships directions, he had searched the books of this office, and found no precedent of any reference to the Board by a Secry. at War, relating to the recommendation of a Govr.

Nova Scotia.

Plantations General.
*(Reading)
Precedents about
References from the
Secretary at War.*

Trade.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Consuls etc. sending
accounts of trade.*

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [fo. 18, 40], relating to the renewing of orders to the British Consuls, or Ministers in foreign parts for sending accounts from time to time of the trade there, was laid before the Board, and a progress made in considering thereof.

March 30. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Stanhope [fo. 39, 44], relating to the renewing of orders to the British Consuls or Ministers in foreign parts for sending accounts from time to time of the trade there, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed, and that the same letter, (mutatis mutandis) be prepared to the Lord Viscount Townshend.

A letter from Mr. Pringle of the 28th instant [fo. 9], with the copy of one from the Lords of the Admiralty, upon the letter from this Board to Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 15th about promoting a good understanding between Govrs. of his Majesty's plantations and the Commanders of ships of war, were read.

March 31. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of 14th January last, for this Board's opinion how his Majesty may best dispose of that part of St. Christophers, yielded up to Great Britain by the French; as also a letter from Mr. Pringle by Mr. Secry. Stanhope's order, of the 8th [Q. fo. 467] (mentioned in the Minutes of the 9th instant), with a memorandum relating to the disposal of the said lands,

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*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Disposal of lands in
the late French part.
Letter from Mr.
Pringle.*

together with the representation of the Board of Trade of the 5th of May 1714 [Do. fo. 438], and the copy of a report from the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury thereupon, mentioned in the Minutes of the 23rd of Febry. last, and an additional memorial from several Merchants trading to the Leeward Islands; all upon the same subject, were severally read, as were two letters from the Marquis of Wharton and Earl of Orford, recommending to this Board the particular case of Mr. Humphrey Sheppard. Whereupon ordered, [fo. 46] that the said Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Duport have notice to attend the Board at ten, and Mr. Robert Heysham at eleven a clock on Monday morning next.

Mr. Stuckley attending, presented to the Board a representation and petition of the Merchants of Bydeford, trading to Newfoundland, complaining of several abuses there, and desiring that the stages, beaches and fishing rooms at Placentia be left at liberty for the use of the fishing ships, was read.

April 1. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Colonel Reading attending [fo. 37] presented to their lordships a memorial relating to his services at Annapolis Royal, which was read; and he desired an opportunity of bringing to the Board Col. Nicholson and other Gentlemen who were witnesses of his conduct, upon which he hoped their lordships would please to recommend him for the Govnt. of Annapolis aforesaid, according to the prayer of his petition, mentioned in the Minutes of the 28th of the last month; and then Col. Reading withdrew; after which he was called in, and their lordships acquainted him that having already represented in favour of Col. Vetch, whom their lordships understood his Majesty had accordingly appointed Govr. of that place, they saw no reason to induce them to advise his Majesty to remove him.

General Carpenter attending with Col. Matthew whom his Majesty has been pleased to appoint Lieut. Govr. of St. Christophers and Lieutenant Genl. of the Leeward Islands, Col. Matthew desired to know if their lordships had any commands for him, he being upon his departure for those islands in a few days; whereupon he was acquainted that if anything occurred in the meantime before Col. Hamilton could be dispatched to those islands, he should have notice of it.

Their lordships then gave directions for preparing a letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope [fo. 57], signifying that it will be for his Majesty's service, that this Board be informed from time to time of the nomination and appointment of all Lieut. Govrs. or others, on whom the Govnt. of any of his Majesty's plantations may in time devolve.

Letters to the Lord Viscount Townshend and Mr. Seery. Stanhope, [fo. 40, 69] relating to the several British Consuls or Ministers sending accounts of the trade in such foreign parts where they reside, agreed the 30th of the last month, were signed.

Mr. Orby attending acquainted the Board that Dr. Cox had entered his caveat against Brigadr. Hunter's Commissions passing the Great Seal [Q. fo. 433], whereupon he desired copies of Dr. Cox's proceeding before their lordships, relating to that matter, ordered

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Representation of late Board and of Lords of the Treasury.

Memorial of Merchants.

Letters from Marquis of Wharton and Earl of Orford on the case of Sheppard. Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Duport and Mr. Heysham summoned.

Newfoundland.

Mr. Stuckley. Representation and petition of Merchants of Bydeford.

Nova Scotia.

Colonel Reading with his memorial.

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Colonel Reading answered.

Leeward Islands.

General Carpenter.

Colonel Matthew Lieut. Governor of St. Christophers and Lieut. General taking leave.

Plantations General.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope about being informed of the nomination of Lieut. Governors.

Trade.

Letters to Lord Townshend and Mr. Secretary Stanhope. Consuls sending accounts of trade.

New Jersey.

New York.

Mr. Orby. Dr. Cox's proceedings against Brigadier Hunter.

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that copies of the Minutes or other papers relating thereto be given him accordingly.

Trade.

*Letters from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Papers for the House
of Commons.*

**Newfoundland.
Nova Scotia.****Jamaica.**

*Mr. Erle
recommending Mr.
Norris to be of the
Council.*

Nova Scotia.

*Colonel Reading for
copies of his petition
and references etc.*

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*Mr. Duport etc.
Certificates about
French protestants
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*Mr. Sheppard.
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to attend again.

*Mr. Heysham
refers to Mr. Martyn
about
French part of
St. Christophers.
Colonel Panton
desires to purchase.*

*Mr. Martyn
summoned.*

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*Mr. Martyn
Inspector General.*

April 4. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Two letters from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, dated the 1st and 2nd instant, signifying his Majesty's commands that this Board do forthwith prepare and lay before the House of Commons, the several papers and accounts desired by them relating to the Treaty of Commerce [*fo.* 51], the trade to Spain, and the West Indies, Turkey Company, Italian Merchants, Newfoundland trade and fishery, St. Peters and Cape Breton, which said letters were read, and directions accordingly given for preparing copies of the said papers and accounts.

Mr. Giles Erle attending, recommended Mr. William Norris a gentleman of a good character, and a fit person to be appointed of his Majesty's Council in Jamaica, when a vacancy shall happen therein; whereupon ordered that his name be inserted in the list of persons recommended to supply vacancies in the said Council.

Col. Reading attending [*fo.* 37] and desiring to have copies of his petition and of the reference thereupon from the Secry. at War to this Board, mentioned in the Minutes of the 28th of the last month, ordered that he have copies thereof accordingly.

Mr. Duport and Mr. Sheppard attending as desired [*fo.* 43, 48], Mr. Duport presented to their lordships three certificates relating to some French protestants who had plantations in the late French part of St. Christophers, which were read.

And Mr. Sheppard likewise presented to the Board the copy of a grant to him of a plantation in the said late French part of St. Christophers, for three years, dated the 15th of July, 1712, which was likewise read.

Whereupon these Gentlemen were desired to attend again [*fo.* 48] on Wednesday morning next.

Mr. Robert Heysham attending likewise, as desired, he acquainted their lordships, that he believed Mr. Joseph Martyn could give their lordships the best information relating to the French part of St. Christophers in order to the settlement thereof, and Mr. Heysham further acquainted the Board that Col. Panton a friend of his desires to be a purchaser when the lands there shall be disposed of.

Ordered that the forementioned Mr. Joseph Martin be desired to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next [*fo.* 49.]

Ordered that Mr. Martyn Inspector Genl. of the Customs [*fo.* 8] be desired to send such accounts which he was to prepare for this Board, as are now finished.

April 6. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Cummings [*fo.* 50] to desire him to lay before the Board, an account of the fishery of Newfdland. for the last year if he can.

Newfoundland.

*Letter to Cummings
for account of fishery.*

Ordered that Genl. Hamilton be desired to give the Board in writing his thoughts about a settlement of the French part of St. Christophers [fo. 53.]

Mr. Duport, Mrs. Bowden, and Mr. Sheppard attending [fo. 46], an Order of Council of 23rd Febry., 1714, upon the petitions of Humphrey Sheppard and Mary Bowden praying the grants of their plantations in St. Christophers may be renewed, was read, and Mr. Sheppard, particularly said that he would be willing to give ten pounds a year Quit rent, and to pay a fine of 50 pounds for the Plantation he petitions for, and to be obliged to keep one white man for every 40th acres the first year, and one for every 20 acres every year after, and after some further discourse with them their lordships agreed, that when they shall make their report upon the settlement of the French part, to represent the cases of the said Sheppard and Bowden, with their opinion, that they may have a preference in the purchase of the said plantations in case they are to be sold.

The certificates received from Mr. Duport [fo. 46], and mentioned in the last minutes, were again read; and their lordships thereupon agreed to represent the cases of Mary Maillard, and the children of Francis Guichard, in the same manner as the other French protestants have been.

April 7. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Jos. Martyn in answer to one to him the 4th instant [fo. 47] signifying his incapacity, by reason of the gout, to give their lordships any information, relating to the settlement of the French part of St. Christophers, was read.

Mr. Alexander Langdon, one of the sufferers in the island of Nevis attending, with Mr. John Mills, in relation to the debenture No. 500, in the name of George Richardson, and it appearing by the return of the losses from that island, that Alexr. Langdon has married the widow of the said Geo. Richardson (who together with her two sons are joint Executors to the deceased) the said debenture was delivered him and the said Mills for his use, and of the sons of the deceased.

Mr. Cummings presented to their lordships, an account of the fishery of Newfoundland for the year 1714 [fo. 47], which was read.

And he being asked sevl. questions in relation to Cape Breton, and Newfoundland, he said, that being acquainted with some of the French officers at Placentia, and particularly with a brother-in-law of Monsr. de Costabell, he was informed by them that the French had a very good fishery the last year at Cape Breton, where they made 350 quintals per boat.—That the fishery there is much earlier than at Newfoundland, by which means the French, when their fishery is well established will be before us in foreign markets.—That the soil of Cape Breton is much better, than that at Newfoundland—having very good grass upon it, and is fit for barley, oats and maize—and that formerly the fishery of Petit Nore was computed to be one quarter part of the whole of Newfoundland.

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part.

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Order of Council.
Petitions.

Sheppard's and
Bowden's cases to be
represented.

Mr. Duport.
Certificates.
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Martyn
his indisposition.
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Island.

Leeward Islands.
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Mills.
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*Papers and lists of
 them for the House of
 Commons.*

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*Letter to Mr.
 Burchet for
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 heads of enquiry.*

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*Letter from Mr.
 Burchet.*
*Number of French ships
 bound to Cape Breton.*

*Letter from Mr.
 Secretary Stanhope.*
*Colonel Reading's
 petition to be Governor
 of Annapolis.*
Answer.

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*Letter from Colonel
 Hamilton.*
*Settlement of
 St. Christophers.*

New York.
*Acts
 considered.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter from Mr.
 Burchet about
 Commodores answer to
 heads of inquiry.*

Jamaica.
Order of Council.
Ayscough.
*Letter from Earl of
 Orkney
 recommending
 Ayscough to be of the
 Council.*
*Instructions for the
 Governor.*

April 9. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The copies of several papers [*fo.* 45] relating to the Treaty of Commerce, the trade to Spain and the West Indies, the Turkey Company, the Newfoundland trade and fishery, and Cape Breton, which were required to be laid before the House of Commons by Mr. Secry. Stanhope's letters mentioned in the Minutes of the 4th instant, being prepared; together with lists thereof, the said lists were examined by their lordships, with the said papers, and Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, and Mr. Cooke were desired to lay the same before the house, which they promised to do accordingly.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Burchet [*fo.* 53] to know whether the Commodore of the Convoy last year at Newfoundland has returned any answer to the heads of inquiry and instructions given him relating to the trade and fishery of that place, and in case Mr. Burchet have such answer to desire he will move the Lords Comms. of the Admiralty, for a copy thereof to be sent to this Board as soon as conveniently may be.

April 11. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Burchet of the 9th instant, by order of the Lords Comrs. of the Admiralty with the copy of one from Captain Stewart, dated at Falmouth the 4th of this month, relating to the great number of French ships bound to Cape Breton, were read.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 9th instant [*fo.* 37], referring to the Board the petition of Col. Reading, praying for the Govnt. of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, was read, together with the said petition, and an answer to Mr. Secry. Stanhope thereupon, was immediately drawn up and signed.

A letter from Col. Walter Hamilton of the 9th instant [*fo.* 47, 55], promising his thoughts in writing on Wednesday next, in relation to the disposal of lands, and the better settlement of the late French part of St. Christophers, was read.

Then their lordships entered upon the consideration of several acts passed at New York the 10th of Decr., 1712, and three of the said Acts were read.

April 12. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Burchet of the 11th upon that writ him the 9th instant [*fo.* 51, 57], signifying his having sent to Captain Leake Commander of the Convoy last year at Newfoundland, for his answer to the heads of inquiry &c. relating to that trade and fishery, was read.

And an Order of Council of the 23rd of Feby. last, referring to the Board the petition of Mr. Ayscough to be restored to his former place in the Council of Jamaica, was read. As likewise a letter from the Earl of Orkney of the 26th of January foregoing, recommending Mr. Ayscough to be a member of his Majesty's Council in the said Island. After which their lordships took into consideration the draughts of instructions for the Lord Archibald Hamilton Govr. of Jamaica [*fo.* 6, 58], and made a progress therein,

Ordered that Mr. Rigby be desired to attend the Board at ten of the clock tomorrow morning [*v. infra.*]

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Mr. Rigby
summoned.

April 13. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

Mr. Rigby attending, as he had been desired, [*vide supra*] their lordships after some discourse with him, agreed that the following names of twelve persons, should be inserted in the draught of instructions preparing for the Lord Archibald Hamilton Govr. of Jamaica, as his Majesty's Council of that island, vizt. Peter Haywood, Francis Rose, John Stewart, John Peck, Valentine Mumby, Francis Oldfield, Richard Rigby, Thomas Bernard, James Archbould, John Ayscough, John Sadler, and Richard Elliston Esqrs.

Jamaica.
Mr. Rigby.
present.

The Council for
Jamaica agreed.

And Mr. Rigby having desired their lordships would please to recommend to his Majesty for his royal approbation *An Act*, passed in Jamaica the 17th of April, 1711, *for regulating fees* [*fo. 56, 68*], as also *an Act* passed there. the 31st of July following, *for the further quieting possessions and preventing vexatious suits at law*; ordered that the said acts be laid before the Board at the next meeting.

Acts about fees and
possessions.

General Hamilton attending [*fo. 53, 60*] presented to their lordships a letter with his proposals relating to the settlement of the late French part of St. Christophers, as had been desired of him the 6th instant, which were read.

St. Christophers.
General Hamilton.
His proposals about
settling French part
of the Island.

April 14. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cook, Mr. Doeminiue.

The act passed in Jamaica the 31st of July, 1711 [*fo. 55, 67*], entitled *an act for the further quieting possessions and preventing vexatious suits at law*, being laid before the Board, as ordered yesterday Mr. Attorney Generals report thereupon mentioned in the minutes of 17th July, 1713 (Jamaica bundle No. 5) was read: whereupon ordered that the said act be sent back to Mr. Attorney with the desire of this Board, that he would reconsider his forementioned report, and let their lordships have his further thoughts thereupon, as soon as may be, since the not passing that act, and thereby keeping the inhabitants titles to their lands precarious, has been one of the occasions of the difficulties, the Govnt. in Jamaica has met with, and a great discouragement to the planters &c.

Jamaica.
Act about.
possessions.

Attorney General's
report.

Act sent back for his re-
consideration.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope being prepared [*fo. 43, 69*] (pursuant to the directions of the first instant) desiring that this Board may be informed what commissions have been, or may be granted to any persons nominated by his Majesty as Lieutenant Generals or Lieut. Govrs. in his several plantations in America; on whom the Govnt. of the said plantations may devolve, the same was signed.

Plantations General.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
for
information about
persons nominated
to be Lieut.
Governor etc.

April 21. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

A letter from Mr. Burchet [*fo. 53*], Secry. to the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty, dated the 20th instant, signifying that he transmitted with his letter of the 12th October last, the answers of Capt. Leake to the queries of this Board, when he commanded at Newfoundland, was read, and upon examination the answer of Capt. Leake

Newfoundland.
Letter from Mr.
Burchet
Commodores answer to
heads of enquiry in
1713.

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*Letter to Mr.
Burchet.
for the answer in 1714.*

was found to be for 1713, whereupon ordered that Mr. Burchet be acquainted therewith [*fo.* 68], and desired in case the Commodore for the year 1714, have returned any report, that the Board may have a copy of it.

Leeward Islands.
*Memorial from Mr.
Duport.
Islands of St. Martin.
St. Bartholomew.
Jamaica.
Instructions for Lord
Archibald Hamilton.*

A memorial from Mr. Duport, representing the ill consequence it would be to the Leeward Islands, if the islands of St. Martyn and St. Bartholomew remain in the hands of the French, was read.

Then their lordships proceeding in the consideration of the draughts of instructions for the Lord Archd. Hamilton, Govr. of Jamaica [*fo.* 54], the same were agreed, as were likewise the draught of a repn. to his Majesty upon the state of Jamaica [*fo.* 59], and a letter to his Lordship, which were severally ordered to be transcribed.

Jamaica.
*Representation.
Present state of the
Island.
Draughts of
instructions for Lord
Archibald Hamilton.
Letter to Mr. Secretary
Stanhope and Lord
Archibald Hamilton.*

April 25. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

The representation to his Majesty [*fo.* 58, 141], relating to the present state of Jamaica, and transmitting the draughts of instructions for the Lord Arch. Hamilton Govr. of that Island, as agreed at the last meeting, was signed, together with a letter for inclosing them to Mr. Seery. Stanhope, as likewise a letter to the Lord Archibald Hamilton upon the same subject.

St. Christophers.
*Draught of
representations.
Disposal of
lands etc.*

April 26. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke,

The draught of a repn. relating to the disposal of lands [*fo.* 55, 70], and the settlement of the late French part of St. Christophers, being laid before the Board, a progress was made in the consideration thereof.

Trade.
*Letter from Lord
Townshend.
Extracts from Leathes
to Mr. Walpole.
Treaty of Commerce.
Netherlands.
Letter from his
Lordship.
Cadogan's remarks.
Provisional
expedient.
Mr. H. Walpole to be
spoke with.*

April 27. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

A letter from the Lord Visct. Townshend of the 31st Decr. last, referring to the Board the extract of one from Mr. Leathes to Mr. Walpole, relating to a Treaty of Commerce with the Spanish Netherlands, was read, together with the said extract, as were likewise.

St. Christophers.
*General Hamilton and
Mr. Duport to
attend.*

Another letter from his Lordp. dated yesterday [*fo.* 66], and Mr. Cadogan's remarks concerning such a Treaty with a provisional expedient, to secure the British trade there &c.

St. Christophers.
*General Hamilton and
Mr. Duport about
settling French
part.*

Whereupon ordered [*fo.* 66] that Mr. Horace Walpole be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him tomorrow morning.

Ordered that Genl. Hamilton and Mr. Duport [*fo.* 62] be desired to attend the Board at ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

April 28. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Mr. Duport attending, as he had been desired [*fo.* 61], and being asked several questions in relation to the French part of St. Christophers, he answered as follows vizt. That when he was a prisoner in France he had seen in the hands of Monsr. De Laigny, Intendant of

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Commerce, a map of the French part of St. Christophers, which was thereby computed to contain, between twenty eight and thirty thousand acres, of which he believed there was about five thousand (including the lands at the Salt ponds which are near 2,000 of the 5,000) not fit for sugar canes, but only for raising of stock, and that most of the lands near the sea side are sandy and fit only for stock and provisions. That many poor people would be glad of such lands, parcelled out into small plantations, not exceeding ten acres each, which he thought would be sufficient for small families. That the French part of St. Christophers is capable if settled as it ought, to contain about fifteen hundred families, and the English part as many. That he doubted not but many persons would go from hence and New England, when the lands shall be disposed of, and some few from the other Leeward Islands. That it would be, in his opinion, better to sell the lands out right, than to grant them in fee farms upon a quit rent and fine; but he owned that the latter method might sooner plant and people the island. He added that he thought it by no means advisable the lands be either sold or otherwise disposed of here, but that the same be disposed of by Commrs. to be sent over and well instructed for that purpose. That the said Commrs. do not exceed three, and that they have with them two or three surveyors. That the said lands may be sold, one with another, between two and three pounds per acre.—That in case those lands be granted in fee farms, he thought that about five shillings, Island money per acre would be a reasonable quit rent.

Then being asked some questions in relation to Mr. Sheppard and Mrs. Bowden, mentioned in the Minutes of the 6th instant, Mr. Duport said, as to Mr. Sheppard that he had sustained no loss, but that it was his wife in her former husband's time, and for which she had been recompensed by debentures as other sufferers had. As for Mrs. Bowden, he knew no claim she had, except a grant from Col. Codrington, as several other persons had from him and succeeding Govrs.

*Sheppard and
Bowden.*

General Hamilton attending also as he had been desired, and being asked the like questions, he answered as follows—That he had been informed by who had made a survey of the whole island, that there were in the French part about four and twenty thousand acres, of which four thousand were only fit for raising of stock. That the 4000 proposed by him to be given gratis, was intended to be out of the remaining 20,000.—That he doubted not but there would be purchasers enough that would go to settle there from hence, Ireland and New England; and he thought it would be better if such people had a preference in purchase to those that should come from the other islands, not that he would exclude them absolutely from purchasing, but only in case there were enough from other parts, and he doubted not that if the island were settled according to his proposal, there might in a short time be a 1,000 men fit to bear arms in the late French part only. That he thought that part would be much sooner settled if the lands were granted in fee farms, upon a quit rent of about three shillings sterl. per acre, than if they were sold out right, for that 200 acres of land if sold at 3*l.* per acre will come to 600*l.* and the negroes, cattle,

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coppers mills and other necessities for such a plantation will come to about 2500*l.* more ; so that a great many people who might be willing and able to settle upon a quit rent, would not be so, upon an absolute purchase. He added that if it is to be sold, it ought to be done there by Commrs. For if it be done here, some few rich persons will buy the whole and afterwards stock jobb it, and by that means hinder a settlement. That the Commrs. ought not to exceed three, with a surveyor and a Deputy ; and that care ought to be taken that the plantations be all laid out regularly.

Trade.
Mr. Walpole.
Commerce with
Flanders.

Letter to Lord Vicount
Townshend.

Mr. Horatio Walpole coming to the Board as desired [*fo.* 61, 69] and their lordships inquiring whether he knew what the alterations were in the Flanders tariff of 1680, which were made after the battle of Ramillies, as mentioned in Mr. Cadogan's expedient to secure our trade in the Low Countries referred to the Board by my Lord Townshend's letter of the 26th instant [*fo.* 61], he said he did not know what they were ; whereupon a letter was writ to my Lord Townshend to desire an explanation thereof, and to be informed if Mr. Cadogan's expedient take place, whether British goods going directly to Flanders will pay no more than the same goods sent thither from Holland, and to know what answers have been given to Mr. Cadogan to the project of a Treaty of Commerce sent from hence, and what equivalent has been demanded by the Govnt. of Flanders thereupon.

April 29. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Jamaica.
Attorney General's
second report upon
Possession Act.
Mr. Rigby.

Mr. Attorney Genl's. second report upon *An Act* passed in Jamaica the 31st of July, 1711 [*fo.* 56, 68], for the further quieting of possessions &c., was read, together with his former report thereupon, mentioned in the Minutes of the 14th instant, and Mr. Rigby attending, and being asked sevl. questions relating to the said act, he said, that in about ten years that this act has been in agitation, he never heard of any objection made, by either planters, merchants or others concerned in that island. That the like act having passed the Council and Assembly several times, he believed it was always nemine contradicente. That the reason of the Govrs. rejecting such act in 1705, was its barring of the Crown, and excepting in that particular, he took the present Act to be of the same purport, between party and party, as the printed Act for prevention of law suits (printed book of Jamaica Laws folio 72) that as to Mr. Attorney Genl's. objection about persons in prison &c. he apprehended no prejudice could ensue in relation to such persons &c. since in so long a time that this Act has been depending, no informations have been given of any such subject of complaint arising against it.

Representation on
Acts about
possessions and fees.

Their lordships then agreed and signed a repn. to his Majesty [*fo.* 67, 141] proposing his Majesty's confirming the said *Act* for the further quieting possessions &c. as likewise *An Act* passed in Jamaica the 19th of May, 1711 [*fo.* 55, 141] for regulating fees.

May 2. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, of 26th April, 1715 [*fo.* 58, 243], signifying that the Commodore of the Newfoundland Convoy for the last year, is not yet returned with any answers to heads of enquiry &c., was read.

A letter from Mr. Seery. Stanhope of the 29th of the last month, signifying his having writ to several consuls upon the Board's letter of the first of the same month [*fo.* 57, 44], and that he had ordered Mr. Pringle to transmit a list of the Lieutenant Generals and Lieutenant Governors in his Majesty's Plantations in America was read, and a letter from Mr. Pringle of the same date, together with the forementioned list, were likewise read.

A letter from Mr. Horatio Walpole of the 28th of April past [*fo.* 66] inclosing extracts of letters from Mr. Leathes and Mr. Laws, relating to the projects for settling the commerce in the Austrian Low Countries was read.

The petition of John Salkeld, clerk, praying that in consideration of his services, and the losses he sustained by the French invasion at Nevis, for which he was deprived, of an opportunity of being relieved as other sufferers were, he may have his Majesty's confirmation of the grant made to him by Colonel Codrington of one hundred acres in the late French part of St. Christophers, was read.

And then their lordships took into consideration, the draught of a representation to his Majesty [*fo.* 60, 71], relating to the settlement and disposal of lands in the late French part of St. Christophers, and made a progress therein.

May 3. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a repn. relating to the settlement and disposal of lands in the late French part of St. Christophers, mentioned in yesterdays minutes together with a letter inclosing the same to Mr. Seery. Stanhope, were agreed and signed.

Mr. Martyn Inspector Genl. of his Majesty's Customs [*fo.* 47], attending presented to the Board a book, containing an account shewing the species and quantities of woollen manufactures exported from England, and to what foreign countries respectively, in eighteen years and one quarter distinctly from Michaelmas, 1696 to Christmas, 1714, with an estimate and amount of the value thereof.

The draught of a repn. upon the petition of several French protestant refugees [*fo.* 70, 72], praying to be restored to their lands in the French part of St. Christophers, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

May 4. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

A letter from Mr. Sharpe president of the Council of Barbadoes, dated the 28th of February, 1714—15 giving an account of the pretensions the French make to the islands of St. Lucia and Tobago, was read; whereupon an extract of the said letter and the papers there inclosed, as also of a repn. (setting forth the right and title

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Newfoundland.*Letter from Mr.**Burchet.**Commodores answer to heads of inquiry.***Trade.***Letter from Mr.**Secretary Stanhope.**Consuls.***Plantations General.***Lieut. Generals and**Lieut. Governors.**Letter from Mr. Pringle.**List of Lieut.**Governors etc.***Trade.***Letter from Mr. H.**Walpole.**Commerce with the**Netherlands.**Extracts of letters.***St. Christophers.***Petition of Salkeld.***St. Christophers.***Draught of**representations.**Settlement of St.**Christophers.***St. Christophers.***Representation about**settlement of French**part.**Letter to Mr.**Secretary Stanhope.***Trade.***Woollen manu-**factures**exported in 18½**years.***St. Christophers.***Representation.**Petitions of French**protestants.***Barbados.***Letter from Mr.**Sharpe.**French pretention to**St. Lucia and**Tobago.*

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*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

St. Christophers.
*Representation on
petition of
French protestants.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

**New York.
New Jersey.**
*Instructions for
Brigadier Hunter.*

New York.

*Act
for paying the
debts of the
Colony etc.*

to be reported.

Maryland.

*Orders of Council.
Hart Governor.
Security to be taken.
Letter to Mr.
Lowndes.*

New York.

New Jersey.
*Instructions.
Counsellors.*

New York.

Acts for Excise and

*paying debts.
Representation.*

Leeward Islands.

*Mr. Mills.
Debenture.*

New Hampshire.

*Letter from Usher.
Memorial from
Sheaf.
Naval Stores.
Mr. Sheaf summoned.*

of the Crown to those islands) made by this Board to her late Majesty the 2nd of June, 1709, were sent in a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope.

The draught of a repn. upon the petition of several French protestant refugees and others [fo. 71], praying for some lands in the late French part of St. Christophers, as agreed yesterday, together with a letter inclosing the same to Mr. Secry. Stanhope were signed.

Then their lordships taking into consideration, the draughts of instructions for Brigadier Hunter [fo. 75], for the Governments of New York and New Jersey, the said draughts were read, approved and ordered to be transcribed.

An Act passed at New York (referred to in Brigdr. Hunter's letter of the 27th August anno 1714 [fo. 74] entituled *An Act for the paying and discharging the several debts and sums of money claimed as debts of this colony to the several persons therein named, and to make and inforce the currency of bills of credit to the value of 27680 pounds for that purpose, also to make void all claims and demands made or pretended to be made from this Colony before the 1st of June, 1714, and to prevent this Colony from being in debt for the future*, was read; and their lordships agreed to lay the same with a repn. before his Majesty for his royal approbation.

May 5. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cockburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

Two Orders of Council of 29th March, 1715 and 30th April following [Q. fo. 452], approving John Hart esqre. to be Govr. of Maryland, and directing securities to be taken for his observing the acts of trade &c. were read, whereupon a letter to Mr. Lowndes inclosing the draught of a bond [fo. 99] approved of by the Attorney General for the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury's directions therein, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Their lordships took into consideration the filling up the names of Councillors in the New York and New Jersey instructions, and agreed to make no alteration in the former, but added David Lyol in the latter, there being a vacancy.

An Act passed at New York, referred to in Brigadier Hunter's letter of the 27th Augt., 1714 [fo. 72, 75], entituled *An Act for laying an excise on all strong liquors retailed in that Colony*, being considered by their lordships, ordered that a repn. be drawn up for laying the same together with the other for *paying and discharging of debts &c.* mentioned in yesterday's minutes before his Majesty for his royal approbation.

Mr. John Mills attending, and his letter of attorney from John Woodley, one of the sufferers at Nevis, being examined at the Board, the debenture numbered 524, was delivered to him.

Letter from Mr. Usher Lieut. Govr. of New Hampshire, dated the 20th of January, 1715 was read.

Meml. from Mr. Sheaf [fo. 75], relating to New Hampshire, particularly as to Naval stores, was likewise read, and directions given for him to attend the Board thereupon on Tuesday morning next.

May 6. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Their lordships taking into consideration Mr. Sheaf's memorial [fo. 74], mentioned in the last minutes, ordered that Mr. John Bridger and Mr. Archld. Cummings have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope with a repn. to his Majesty [fo. 73, 140] inclosing the draughts of instructions for Colonel Hunter for the govnt. of New York and New Jersey, mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant, were signed.

A repn. to his Majesty upon two New York acts [fo. 74, 140], mentioned in the minutes of the 4th and 5th instant, was signed.

May 9. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Several Lords of the Committee of Council vizt.

Lord President Earl of Halifax, Earl of Orford, Ld. Visct. Townshend, Lord Somers, Mr. Secry. Stanhope coming to the Board.

The memorial from Colonel Richards Surveyor General of the Ordnance, relating to Newfdland. [Q. fo. 444; fo. 79], mentioned in the minutes of the 28th of Febry. last, was read; as also the Boards letter of the 10th of March last [fo. 1], to Mr. Secry. Stanhope thereupon.

Then Mr. Secry. communicated to their lordships the draught of instructions for the Commander in Chief of Placentia [fo. 89], which was read, and the Board was desired to reconsider the same in order to the adding or altering what they should see necessary.

Their lordships being of opinion that what was proposed by Col. Richards in his forementioned memorial, in relation to the fortifications at Placentia and to the reducing the garrison there was most advantageous in the present circumstances of affairs, the Board was desired to have under consideration what might be done with the garrison, when the same should be reduced.

And upon consideration of the ill consequence of the New England-men getting away the green men and other seamen from our fishing ships at Newfoundland; ordered [fo. 78] that a letter be writ to Mr. Burchet to desire him to move the Lords of the Admiralty, that the Commodore of the Newfoundland convoy be directed to signify to the Masters of all fishing ships, that they take care that none of their men be enticed away by the New England ships, for that if they do not bring home the complement of men they carried out, except in case of death, they will be prosecuted upon their arrival here; and that Capt. Kempthorn be directed to receive on board his ship, such money as the Agents for the soldiers at Newfoundland shall deliver him for the use of the garrison at Placentia.

Ordered [fo. 97] that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse for an account of the duties payable upon the importation of the several species of wood and timber imported into this Kingdom from the Northern Crowns and America.

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New Hampshire.

*Mr. Sheaf's
memorial.*

Naval stores.

Bridger and Cummings

summoned.

New York.

New Jersey.

Letter to Mr.

Secretary Stanhope.

*Brigadier Hunter's
instructions.*

New York.

*Representation on
Acts of excise and
for payment
of debts.*

Newfoundland.

*Lords of the
Committee.*

Memorial from

Richards

about defence of

the place.

Former letter to Mr.

Secretary Stanhope.

*Draught of
instructions
for Commander at
Placentia.*

*Opinion about
fortifications.
Reduction of the
garrison.*

*Letter to Mr.
Burchet
about
Masters of ships
bringing home
their men.*

*Money to be sent for
the soldiers.*

Trade.

Plantations General.

Letter to Mr.

Carkesse.

*Duties on wood and
timber imported.*

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May 10. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

Newfoundland.
*Letter to Mr. Burchet.
Masters bringing
home their men from
Newfoundland
and money for the
Garrison.*

The draught of a lre. to Mr. Burchet, Secry. to the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty [*fo.* 77, 84], relating to the masters of fishing ships at Newfdland. taking care to bring home their complement of men, and to money to be sent for the Garrison at Placentia, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Massachusetts.
Mr. Dummer.

Mr. Dummer agent for the province of the Massachusetts Bay, attending, and acquainting their lordships, that he had some things to offer to their lordships consideration, relating to the importation of timber and other naval stores from New England; he was desired after some discourse with him upon that subject, to lay before the Board a memorial thereof in writing, as soon as he could, which he promised to do accordingly.

*Timber and other
naval stores.*

To bring a memorial.

Mr. Secry. Stanhope then coming to the Board with Col. Richards, Surveyor General of the Ordnance and formerly Engineer at Newfdland. Col. Richards after representing to their lordships to the same effect as his memorial mentioned in yesterdays minutes [*fo.* 76] (Newfoundland L. N. 65) wherein he sets forth the difficulty and useless expense of making any considerable fortification at Placentia, or any other part of Newfoundland, acquainted the Board that the work he proposed to be done might be finished in one summer if the necessary materials were sent beforehand, which they might be the next spring by the fishing ships, together with the workmen.

Newfoundland.
*Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
and
Colonel Richards.
Defence of
Newfoundland.*

*Work proposed to
be done.*

*Survey of French
part of
Newfoundland.*

*Letter from Taverner
his report.*

*Petition of merchants
of London.*

And their lordships again considering the survey necessary to be made of the late French part of Newfoundland, and other places adjacent, the letter from Capt. Taverner of the 22nd Octr., 1714 [*Q. fo.* 445], together with the said Taverner's report touching his proceedings in the said survey were read, as likewise Mr. Secry. Stanhope's lre. to the Board of the 19th of March last [*fo.* 26] upon the petition of several merchants of London, relating to the same subject, and the answer made by the Board to Mr. Secry. the 23rd of the same month. And it appearing by Capt. Taverner's said report that he had hired a small vessel, and been at other expence in the survey he has been employed in; their lordships agreed and signed a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope to inclose a copy of the said Taverner's demands and desire Mr. Secry. will please to lay the same before his Majesty for his directions thereupon, as likewise humbly to represent the opinion of this Board, that Capt. Taverner do return at the end of this summer season, to give account of what he has done.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
about
Taverner's demands.*

Taverner to return.

*Map &c. to be
published.*

Ordered that the secretary take care, that the chart of the island and harbour of St. Peter's, with the island of Columba, transmitted with Capt. Taverner's foresaid letter [*fo.* 316], be printed and published, and so much of his said report, as relates to the said islands.

Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.
Soldiers provisions.

It being then observed that the soldiers both in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland are often subject to great hardships for want of the necessary supplies of provisions [*fo.* 84], their lordships resolved to make inquiry of Col. Nicholson, Col. Vetch and others concerned in those parts, what may be the best method to provide for the

said soldiers for the future, and ordered [vide infra] that Col. Vetch be desired to attend the Board tomorrow morning.

Mr. Cummings, Mr. Vaughan and others attending [fo. 82], in relation to the production of timber and other naval stores in America, they were desired to attend again tomorrow morning.

May 11. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Col. Vetch attending [vide supra, fo. 85], as desired, and being asked several questions in relation to the soldiers in Nova Scotia and the best method of supplying them with provisions &c. He said, he believed they were in great straits and thought the properest way to provide for them would be by contract, which he believed Mr. Borland would readily undertake, if the present arrear of disbursements, due to him for the said soldiers were paid him. And in relation to their clothing Col. Vetch observed, that they had two sets delivered them by Col. Nicholson, the last in Septr., 1714. That what the soldiers were charged 48 or 50 shillings New England money, was sold there at publick outcry for 18sh. the same country money. And Col. Vetch naming Mr. Norton, Mr. Shirif, Mr. Mulcaster and Mr. Wright [fo. 86], as persons who could give further acct. of the said clothing, ordered that they be desired to attend the Board tomorrow morning. Col. Vetch was likewise desired to draw up, and bring their Lordships a Memorial in writing [fo. 85] of his thoughts, as to the supplying the said soldiers with Provisions, and what he knows in relation to their clothing.

Mr. Vaughan who is lately arrived from New England [fo. 81], attending together with Mr. Cummings, Mr. Vaughan's letter dated yesterday, with a memorial containing several observations and proposals relating to His Majesty's plantations on the continent of America were read. And their Lordships asking these gentlemen several questions in relation to naval stores [fo. 84], Mr. Vaughan said that several towns on the River Piscatagua had been destroyed by the Indians and 100 miles of the country depopulated. That the largest masts were in the provinces of Main and New Hampshire, tho' the country abounded with masts and timber as far as Kennebeck river, on the sides of which river, he said the soil is very deep and thought to be capable of producing extraordinary good hemp. That there are great quantities of timber carried from New England to Portugal, and other parts of Europe, and Mr. Vaughan said, he was informed the ship he now came in to Cadiz, was loaden with timber which he believed would be unloaden there. And he added that he had never heard of any restraint laid upon that trade. Mr. Cummings being asked if he knew what masts or timber was produced in Nova Scotia, he said he had heard there were masts of 37 inches diameter and that the French had formerly supplied their Navy from thence.

Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Cummings were then desired to attend again on Wednesday morning next, which they promised to do accordingly.

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*Colonel Vetch
summoned.*

**New England.
Plantations General.**
*Mr. Cummings and
Vaughan.
Timber.
Naval Stores.*

Nova Scotia.
*Colonel Vetch.
Condition of the
garrison.
Provisions.
Clothing.*

*Mr. Norton,
Mulcaster,
Shirif &c.
summoned.
Colonel Vetch to bring
a memorial in
writing.*

**Plantations General
New England.**
*Mr. Vaughan and
Mr. Cummings.
Vaughan's letter and
memorial about the
plantations.
Naval stores.*

*Timber &c. carried
to Portugal and
Spain.*

Nova Scotia.
Masts and timber.

**New England.
Plantations General.**
*Vaughan and
Cummings to attend
again.*

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Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.
Soldiers supply of provisions.
New England.
Plantations General.
Sheaf.
Naval Stores.

To bring a memorial in writing.

Newfoundland.
Letter from Mr. Burchet.
Masters of fishing ships bringing home their men.

Nova Scotia.
Colonel Vetch.
Memorial about clothing and victualing soldiers.

Hardships of the soldiers &c.

Memorial of Officers about allowance for provisions.

He will procure a copy.

Mr. Mulcaster, agent.

Provisions and clothing of the soldiers.

He will bring a particular.

Mr. Shirrif and Mr. Norton examined.

And Mr. Cummings being asked his opinion about supplying the soldiers in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland with provisions [fo. 81, 89], he said in his opinion it would be best done by contract.

Mr. Sheaf attending likewise their Lordships had some discourse with him in relation to naval stores [fo. 83, 101], and being asked, what he thought would be a sufficient encouragement to enable the merchants to supply us as cheap as the like stores are brought from the Northern Crowns. He said as to timber and boards, he was of opinion that the taking off the duty only would effect it. And being then desired he promised to put into writing what he had further to offer in like manner as to the several other species of naval stores, and bring the same on Wednesday next.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, Secry. to the Lords of the Admiralty, in answer to Mr. Popple's of 10th instant [fo. 78], relating to the masters of ships bringing home their complements of men from Newfoundland, and to money for the garrison at Placentia, was read.

May 12. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Col. Vetch attending [fo. 81, 82], presented to their Lordships a Memorial relating to the victualling and clothing the garrison at Annapolis in Nova Scotia, which was read; and Col. Vetch in discourse acquainted the Board that the said garrison had no establishment, being now four independent companies found of detachments from other troops. That they could not possibly subsist without an allowance of provisions, besides their pay, and that they would be even less able to support themselves, since, as he heard the French had removed most of their stock and cattle to Cape Briton.—That the Officers of the garrison had signed a memorial, which was transmitted some time ago to Great Britain, relating to the allowance of provision, besides pay for the soldiers there, but that as to other his letters and applications to the late ministry, they never received any answer. And he promised to procure their Lordships a copy of the said memorial.

Mr. Mulcaster, agent for the forces at Annapolis [fo. 82, 93], attending as desired, and being asked several questions in relation to their condition as to provisions and clothing, he said he had been concerned in that affair, but since Christmas last, Mr. Gordon and Mr. Lyn having been their agents; that as to their provisions, he could give no acct. thereof but promised to bring tomorrow morning, a particular of the quality of their last clothing, and of that for the forces at Placentia.

Mr. Shirrif likewise attending and Mr. Norton [fo. 88], as they had been summoned, in relation to the said clothing and provisions for the soldiers at Annapolis, and being each examined thereupon, Mr. Shirrif said, he feared as to provisions, the garrison was in a perishing condition, they having no more than to serve them about six weeks, when he came from thence in Novr. last. That he was informed some provisions and money had been sent them, from New England, since he left those parts. That their clothing is

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by this time worn out, and he presented to their Lordships, an Invoice of the several species of clothing consigned by General Nicholson to Lieut. Govr. Caulfield at Annapolis for the troops there, with the several prices at which they were charged; and a serjeant and one of the private centinels who were discharged from the said garrison waiting now at the Office, they were called in, and their clothing viewed, which appeared very bad, and Mr. Shirrif added, that the stockings which had been charged at two shillings a pair, were rotten and unfit for service. Mr. Norton acquainted their Lordships, that clothing had been sent to Major Caulfield for the garrison at Annapolis, and he took it to be of the same species, with what the two men present had on. That as he remembered the centinels clothes were charged, the coat at 20 shillings and the breeches at 7s. 6d. The serjeants coats at 1l. 10s. 0d. and the breeches at ten shillings sterling serjeants hats at 10 shillings and the centinels four shillings; that Major Caulfield had objected, there was no difference as to goodness between the serjeants cloths and the private men's that were sent to him, the serjeants being only of a different colour. That what was charged at 27 shillings and 6 pence sterling, was sold at a publick outcry at Boston from 18s. 6d. to 23s. that country money. The serjeants stockings he said, were pretty good, being worth about 3s. and charged 4s. 6d. That the clothing sent to Annapolis, was alledged to be issued out of her Majesty's stores at the price her Majesty paid. And the said soldiers here present, produced the copy of a minute of a Council held at Annapolis to the same purpose, subscribed by General Nicholson. That General Nicholson gave publick notice of the clothing he had to dispose of, which was lodged in Mr. Belchers and Mr. Minots warehouses in Boston, and put up in lots of 5 coats and 5 pair of breeches each lot.—That the money arising by the sale was brought to Mr. Netmaker the General's secretary, the state of the sale being made up every night: and he presumed Mr. Netmaker was accountable for the same.

Mr. Norton being then asked [fo. 86] whether any of this clothing had been sent for the soldiers at Newfoundland. He said that while he was at Kinsale in Ireland in his passage some bales of the same clothing had been taken out to be sent thither, as he understood and some of the same clothes were likewise sent from Boston to Col. Moody at Placentia in Newfoundld. at the same rate for the soldiers there. That as to provisions for the garrison at Annapolis some money had been left to buy them fresh provisions.—That the four companies there consisted of 53 private men, 3 serjeants and 2 drums each company, who besides the scarcity of provisions, had the further hardship to be without any bedding.—That the French inhabitants in Nova Scotia were about 400 men.—And that General Nicholson not trusting them, did not admit any into the garrison. Mr. Norton was then desired to put into writing what he knew in relation to those matters [fo. 90], and bring the same to the Board which he promised to do accordingly. And Mr. Shirrif was likewise desired to add what he could in writing upon the same subject [fo. 94.]

*Invoice of clothing.**Soldiers called in.**Minute of a Council held at Annapolis.**Newfoundland. Same clothing for the soldiers there.**Nova Scotia. Provisions for the garrison.**Mr. Norton to bring a memorial.*

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*Memorial from
Officers of the
garrison about
provisions.*

Newfoundland.
*Instructions for
Commander at
Placentia.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Answer from
Admiralty about
return of fishermen
&c.*

Nova Scotia.
*Mr. Norton.
Memorial about
garrison of
Annapolis.*

*Colonel Nicholson
about state of the
garrison.*

Mr. Shirrif in the meantime presented to the Board a copy of a memorial from the officers of the garrison at Annapolis [*fo.* 84], relating to the necessity of those forces being supplied with provisions, besides their pay, which was read.

Their Lordships then took into consideration the draught of instructions for the Commander in Chief at Placentia in Newfoundland [*fo.* 76], mentioned in the minutes of the 9th instant, and signed a letter for transmitting the same, with some few alterations to Mr. Secy. Stanhope.

A letter to Mr. Secy. Stanhope acquainting him with the answer sent from the Admiralty to the letter writ to Mr. Burchet the 10th instant, relating to the masters of fishing ships bringing home their complements of men from Newfoundland, and to money for the garrison at Placentia, was signed.

May 13. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Norton attending [*fo.* 89] presented to their Lordships a memorial which he was desired to draw up, of what he knew relating to the clothing &c. for the garrison of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, which was read.

Col. Nicholson then likewise attending he was asked several questions in relation to the present state of the said garrison of Annapolis, with regard both to provisions and clothing; whereupon he acquainted their Lordships, that he did not apprehend the said garrison, were under any straits for provisions, he having left sufficient to subsist them till the end of June or middle of July next, which had been bought and sent from New England. That Col. Vetch having contracted with Mr. Borland for 7½ each man per diem, Col. Nicholson computed that by his buying the provision at Boston he had reduced that expence to 5*d.* each man per diem. And as to clothing he said that by order of the Earl of Oxford late Lord High Treasurer, he took a quantity of clothing to be disposed of, for Her Majesty's best advantage, which clothing had been sent with the Canada expedition, and designed to be used there, but returned to England, where Col. Nicholson said he saw, and took charge of it, the same being likewise surveyed by the comptrollers of the Army. That in his voyage to New England, he delivered out part of the said clothes at Kinsale in Ireland, for the use of the soldiers at Placentia in Newfoundland under Col. Moody; and from Boston he sent forward another parcel of the same clothing to Annapolis for the use of the garrison there. Being then asked whether he thought the said clothing proper for the climate either of Canada, Newfoundland, or Annapolis Royal, he said the clothes had no lining, and he owned he did not think them fit for those parts; but that the soldiers at Annapolis were not charged with a whole clothing, tho' he further acknowledged their offreckonings were anticipated for a great while. That Brigadier Hunter had refused to receive any of the same clothing for the forces at New York, but afterwards by special order, took some of them. That the said clothing could not be sold here, but were some of them disposed of in New England, at little more than half the price, charged to

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the soldiers. Col. Nicholson was then several times pressed by their Lordships to let them know whether he had ever represented the unfitness of the forementioned clothing, as he had owned he thought them to be, for so cold a climate as Nova Scotia or Newfoundland &c. of which he might after viewing them, be very well able to judge, or whether after the first part of this clothing being sent to Annapolis the soldiers or others there, did not complain of their badness, before a second part of the same arrived; Col. Nicholson at last owned that he had made no such representation himself, but brought one home from the Officers, which he said, was at the Secretary of Wars Office, and as to any complaint by the soldiers at Annapolis, he could not charge his memory with any such.

Col. Nicholson then communicated to the Board the establishment for the garrison at Annapolis, and the Earl of Oxford's order relating to the said clothing, which were directed to be copied and the originals returned him.

And upon perusing the said establishment, Colonel Nicholson was asked if he thought the same sufficient. He said he thought it might by having provision answered at 5*d.* per day each man, the offreckonings 2*d.* and the remaining 1*d.* for washing &c.

Mr. Mulcaster attending [fo. 86, 94], presented to their Lordships a repn. of the state of the garrison of Annapolis, with five several papers relating thereto, which repn. was read. And their Lordships agreed to take it with the said papers into further consideration tomorrow morning.

*Establishment of the garrison.
Lord Oxford's order about clothing.*

Sufficiency of the establishment.

Mr. Mulcaster his representation and papers about the garrison.

May 14. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Doeminiue.

The repn. from Mr. Mulcaster [fo. 93, 96], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, with the papers therein referred to, relating to the garrison of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, were taken again into consideration, and a progress made therein.

Mr. Shirrif then attending [fo. 89], two memorials from him, the one relating to the state of the said garrison of Annapolis both as to clothing and provisions &c. the other particularly concerning complaints made by the soldiers there on account of the badness of their clothing were read. And Mr. Shirrif being asked whether Col. Nicholson was at Annapolis before the distribution of the second parcel of clothing to the soldiers, and whether any complaints were made by the soldiers to him, of the clothing before such second distribution, he answered in the affirmative, and further said, that upon the first distribution of the said clothing, the soldiers not only complained to Major Caulfield the Lieut. Govr. before Col. Nicholson's arrival, but returned several clothes to the said Shirrif who had the care of them. And Mr. Shirrif called in Wm. Hawkins formerly a serjeant of the garrison of Annapolis, and John Lewis a private centinel now discharged from that service, who affirmed to their lordships that a petition from the serjeants, and the case of the private soldiers, had been delivered in writing, complaining of the said clothing to Col. Nicholson before the second distribution thereof, and they promised to bring to the Board on Monday next [fo. 96], the person who wrote the said case of the soldiers.

*Nova Scotia.
Mr. Mulcaster's papers about the garrison.*

*Mr. Shirrif.
2 Memorials.
State of the garrison.
Complaints of the soldiers.*

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Nova Scotia.
*Papers about the
garrison.*

*Letter from Mr.
Caulfield.
Extract from his
brother about.
Hardships of the
garrison.
Nicholson's ill
behaviour &c.
Mr. Shirriff with
soldiers of
Annapolis.
Person who wrote the
soldiers
complaints to Colonel
Nicholson.*

Plantations General.

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.
Account of duties on
timber.
Trade.
Reference from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Mrs. Milner's
petition.
Consulage in
Portugal.
Answer to be
prepared.*

*Letter from Lord
Viscount Townshend.
Extract of letter from
Mr. Whitworth
at Ratisbon.
Ribbon trade &c.
Mr. Martyn
summoned.*

Bermuda.
*Act about
estate of Jennings.*

*Sent to Mr.
Solicitor General.*

Trade.
*Mr. Martyn.
Account of wrought
silk, ribbon, &c.
sent to Holland and
Germany.*

May 16. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynde, Mr. Cooke.

Their Lordships went through the consideration of Mr. Mulcasters repn. and papers therein referred to [fo. 94, 99], relating to the garrison at Annapolis, mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant.

A letter from Mr. James Caulfield, of this days date, with an extract of a letter from his brother Major Thomas Caulfield Lt. Govr. of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, relating to the hardships the garrison of that place lies under; and to Col. Nicholson's ill treatment of him in relation to his accounts, and the credit where-with he hath supported the said garrison, were read.

Mr. Shirriff attending with some of the soldiers discharged from the said garrison of Annapolis, they produced to their Lordships one John Carter [fo. 95], who said he wrote the petition of the serjeants, and case of the soldiers of that garrison, complaining of their clothing to Col. Nicholson, before the second distribution thereof, according as Mr. Shirriff and the forementioned discharged soldiers had alledged, at the last meeting.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [fo. 78] of the 14th in answer to one writ him the 9th instant, for an account of the duties upon timber imported from the Northern Crowns, and from America, was read, together with the said account.

A reference from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 4th of May, 1715, upon the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Milner widow of John Milner Esqr. late Consul General in Portugal [fo. 102], relating to the duty of consulage from the time of Mr. Milners death, to the arrival of John Shippen his successor, was read, together with the said petition, whereupon directions were given for preparing an answer thereto.

A letter from the Lord Visct. Townshend of the 11th instant [fo. 123], referring to the Board, the extract of a letter from Mr. Whitworth His Majesty's Plenipotentiary at Ratisbon, relating to a petition presented to the Dyet there, which may tend to affect our ribbon trade in foreign parts, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Martyn Inspector General of His Majesty's Customs [v. infra] be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him tomorrow morning.

An Act passed in Bermuda the 14th of October, 1713, Intituled *An Act to vest certain lands in Smiths Tribe in Trustees to be sold for payment of the Debts of Richard Jennings Son and Heir of Richard Jennings Merchant deceased &c.* being laid before the Board, ordered that the said Act be sent to Mr. Solicitor General for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

May 17. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Martyn Inspector Genl. of His Majesty's Customs [v. supra, 122] attending pursuant to the notice, ordered yesterday to be given him, their Lordships desired he would let them have as soon as he conveniently could an account of the Wrought Silks Galloons, Ribbons and Ferret exported from this Kingdom to Holland and

Germany for any one year lately passed, which he accordingly promised.

Two letters from the Lord Guilford Guardian to the Lord Baltimore, dated the 5th and 16th instant, relating to sureties for Mr. Harts observing the Acts of Trade and Navigation in his Government of Maryland were read; and the letter to Mr. Lowndes agreed the 5th instant, to inclose the draught of a bond for the directions of the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury thereupon [fo. 73, 127], was ordered to be sent.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [fo. 96, 101], relating to the state of the garrison at Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, as to provisions and clothing &c. was laid before the Board, and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

May 18. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

Ordered that Col. Jennings be desired to attend the Board [fo. 17] at ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope of the 15th instant, together with a repn. thereby referred to the Board, containing reasons for giving the Government of Annapolis in Nova Scotia to the Govr. of New England [fo. 102], were read, and an answer to Mr. Secry. Stanhope thereupon ordered to be prepared.

Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Cummings attending, Mr. Vaughan communicated to their Lordships a map of Piscataqua River, and another of Boston harbour, with the country about it, and thereupon ordered that a copy of the latter be taken, and these gentlemen were desired to attend the Board tomorrow morning, with Mr. Sheaf in relation to Naval Stores to be produced in New England.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [fo. 99], relating to the state of the garrison of Annapolis in Nova Scotia, as to their provisions and clothing &c. mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was agreed and signed.

May 19. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

Mr. Cummings attending, presented to their Lordships a memorial relating to the importation of Deals, Pipe Staves, Timber, and Masts &c. from New England, which was read. And Mr. Sheaf [fo. 84, 103] likewise attending, presented to their Lordships a memorial upon the same subject, which was read.

Mr. Vaughan, who was present at the same time, whilst the two foresaid memorials were read, declared his sentiments in concurrence therewith; and he afterwards presented to the Board a letter from several of the Council of New Hampshire to himself, dated the 18th of March last, recommending to him the care of the affairs of the province, and desiring Mr. Usher the Lt. Govr. may have his Quietus, which was read.

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Maryland.
*Letters from Lord
Guilford.
Sureties for Hart.
Letter to Mr. Lowndes
with draught of
bond.*

Nova Scotia.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
State of the
garrison.*

Virginia.
*Colonel Jennings
summoned.*

Nova Scotia.
New England.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Reasons for uniting
those governments.*

New England.
*Mr. Vaughan and
Mr. Cummings.
Map of Piscataqua
&c.*

Naval stores.

Nova Scotia.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
State of the
garrison.*

New England.
*Mr. Cummings
memorial.
Deals, timber masts,
&c.*

*Memorial from
Mr. Sheaf on same
subject.*

New England.
*Mr. Vaughan
concurring
therewith.*

New Hampshire.
*Letter from some of
the Council.
Vaughan to
solicit affairs.
Usher's quietus.*

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Trade.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Petition of Mrs.
Milner.
Consulage at
Lisbon.*

**Nova Scotia.
New England.**

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
about uniting those
governments.*

New York.

*Memorial from
Mr. Strahan.
Clothing received
from Nicholson.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, directed to be prepared the 16th instant, upon the petition of Mrs. Milner [fo. 97], relating to the duty of consulage at Lisbon, between the time of Mr. Milner's the late Consuls death and his successors arrival, was agreed and signed.

The draught of a letter, ordered yesterday to be prepared, to Mr. Seery. Stanhope [fo. 100], relating to a proposal for uniting the government of Nova Scotia to that of the Massachusetts Bay, was agreed and signed.

A memorial from Mr. Strahan praying that Brigadr. Hunter, Govr. of New York, may be released from a clothing he was obliged to receive from Col. Nicholson for the forces at New York, was read, and a letter to Mr. Seery. Stanhope, inclosing a copy thereof to be laid before His Majesty, was signed.

May 20. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Bridger attending in relation to the importation of Timber and other Naval Stores from New England [fo. 101], their Lordships had some discourse with him on that subject, wherein he said, that good merchantable boards might be bought in New England at 35 or 40 shillings, that country money, per thousand feet. That the freight of a tun, which he reckoned at 500 feet, was about 45 or 50 shillings sterlg. That Timber such as knees and plank &c. was at 20 shillings New England money per 50 foot square, whereof 40 foot was computed a tun.

Their Lordships then ordered the following queries to be drawn up for Mr. Bridger's answers in writing [fo. 119] and the same was immediately copied and delivered to him vizt.

1. What proposals he has to make for the preserving of the woods.
2. The prices of all sorts of timber in New England. Specify the several sorts and the sizes.
3. What will be the freight from thence in proper ships.
4. The two last queries, to be answered also in relation to the Northern Crowns.

And upon these queries, add what he may think proper for the encouragement of the Importation of Timber and other Naval stores.

Col. Vetch attending laid before their Lordships his commission for the government of Nova Scotia and the town and garrison of Annapolis, as likewise a letter from Mr. Adams to Capt. Steele in Boston, dated at Annapolis the 24th of January last, relating to Col. Nicholson's misbehaviour there and the said Commn. and letter were read, whereupon ordered that a copy be taken of the Commission, and an extract of so much of the said letter as relates to Col. Nicholson.

May 23. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A New Commn. under the Great Seal dated the 12th instant, for promoting the trade of this Kingdom and inspecting and improving His Majesty's Plantations in America, directed to the great

New England.

*Mr. Bridger
about timber and
other naval stores.*

New England.

*Queries for Mr.
Bridger's answers.*

Nova Scotia.

*Colonel Vetch's
commission.
Letter from Adams
about Nicholson's
behaviour.*

Copies taken.

Miscellanies.

*New commission
to Earl of Suffolk
and Bindon &c.*

officers of state as in former commns. for that purpose, and to the Rt. Honble. Henry Earl of Suffolk and Bindon, Sir Jacob Astley knight and Barrt, Robert Molesworth, John Cokburne, Archibald Hutcheson, John Chetwynd, Charles Cooke and Paul Doeminique Esqrs. was read.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 20th instant, was read, together with the following papers thereby referred to the Board, relating to the commerce between Great Britain and the Austrian Netherlands [fo. 109, 120] and their Lordships made a progress in the consideration thereof, vizt.

Project of our Treaty of Commerce with the remarks of the Flemish Commissaries.

Particulars wherein the Dutch project for a Treaty of Commerce differs from ours.

Alterations made in the tariff of 1680, since the Battle of Ramillies.

Reasons for incerting an article in the Barrier Treaty, directing the same convention relating to recaptures to be observed between His Britanick Majesty's subjects and those of the Austrian Netherlands, which is in force between the former and the States General.

May 24. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminique.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend of the 1st of Febry. last together with an extract of a letter from Mr. Wych His Majesty's Resident at Hamburgh [fo. 109, 121] relating to a Convention with that city about the herring trade were read, as likewise.

A letter from his Lordship of the 20th instant, referring to the Board the extract of another letter from Mr. Wych upon the same subject.

The copy of the said Convention which was transmitted by my Lord Townshend to the late Board of Trade, with his Lordships lre. of the 12th of October, 1714 (Trade N. No. 199) [Q. fo. 323] was also read; whereupon a progress was made in the consideration thereof, and their Lordships gave directions that Thomas Smith Esqr. of Glasgow [v. infra] be acquainted with the desire of the Board to speak with him at ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

May 25. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Doeminique.

Mr. Smith attending as he had been desired, [v. supra 121], the Convention with Hamburgh relating to the herring trade and the extract of Mr. Wych's letter to my Lord Viscount Townshend of the 16th October last N.S. referred to the Board by his Lordships lre. of the 12th of the same month old stile (Trade N. No. 199) were read; Whereupon Mr. Smith said that the herrings might be visited, but that the being obliged to repack them would be a great hardship

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Trade.
Netherlands.
*Letter from Lord
Townshend.*

*Papers therein
referred to.*

Trade.
*Letter from Lord
Viscount Townshend.
Extract from
Mr. Wich.
Convention with
Hamburgh herrings.
Another letter from
his Lordship
with extract from
Mr. Wich.
Lord Townshend's
letter to late Board
with the Convention.*

*Mr. Smith desired to
attend.*

Trade.
*Hamburgh herrings.
Mr. Smith of
Glasgow.*

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*Letter to Mr. Smith
for opinion of North
British gentlemen
on the Convention and
Mr. Wich's letter.*

upon that trade, the first packing of the herrings giving them a certain bent, which would make it impossible after once taking them out of the cask to repack them, without bruising and spoiling the fish. Their Lordships after some further discourse with Mr. Smith upon this subject, gave directions for sending to him a copy of the said Convention and of the extract of Mr. Wiche's forementioned letter of the 16th of Octr. [*fo.* 107] with the signification of the Boards desire that he would please to communicate the same to some of the North British gentlemen here in town, for their opinions and observations thereupon, and what else they may think for the advantage of that trade.

*Commerce in the
Netherlands
considered.*

Their Lordships then made a further progress in considering the several papers, relating to the settlement of our commerce in the Austrian Netherlands [*fo.* 106, 111] mentioned in the minutes of the 23rd instant, and ordered that Mr. Drummond be desired to attend the Board [*fo.* 110] thereupon tomorrow morning.

*Mr. Drummond
summoned.*

May 26. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Trade.
*Mr. Drummond.
Explanation of
provisional
regulation of
trade with Flanders.*

Mr. Drummond attending [*fo.* 109] as he had been desired and being asked whether any explanation had been made of the first article of the provisional regulation of trade in the Spanish Low Countries concluded at Utrecht the 15—26 day of July, 1713, he said the Council of the finances at Brussels had explained it by a declaration of the 16th of Decr., 1713, relating to the Tariffs Lists and Ordinances &c. by which the duties were then raised in Flanders, of which declaration he produced to their Lordships. a copy, and upon examination it appeared to be the same with a paper referred to in Mr. Secry. Bromleys Lre. of the 24th of Decr., 1713 [*Q. fo.* 103] (Trade Bundle N. 81) Intituled List of the Tariffs and Ordinances by which the customs are raised in the Netherlands. Being farther asked how it came, that the Queens plenipotentiaries did not stipulate the trade on the foot of the Tariff 21 Decr., 1680, as had been recommended by the Board of Trade, he answered that their Lordships thought it more advisable to let it go, as it now stands in the provisional treaty, and explain it afterwards in case any difficulties should arise.

*Flanders papers
from Lord Townshend
considered.*

Their Lordships then proceeded in considering the papers referred to the Board, by my Lord Viscount Townshend's Letter of the 20th instant [*fo.* 109, 113] &c. relating to the British Commerce in the Austrian Low Countries, and made a further progress therein.

May 27. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

**Newfoundland.
Leeward Islands.
Nova Scotia.
Trade.**
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Papers from
Monsieur D'Iberville.
Answer to be
perpared.*

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 24th instant, desiring the opinion of the Board upon several papers received from Monsr. D'Iberville [*fo.* 113], relating to the French at Newfoundland [*fo.* 113], Trade with Martinique, Inhabitants of Nova Scotia, and the Consul at Tripoli, was read, and the said sevl. papers considered; whereupon directions were given for preparing an answer to Mr. Secry's. foresaid letter.

Their Lordships then considering the production of naval stores in New England, and other his Majesty's Plantations on the continent of America, the representations of the 14th of Novr. and of the 19th of Decr., 1705 [K. *fo.* 102, 146], the former relating to the occasion for an officer to survey and prevent destruction &c. in the woods there, and recommending Mr. Bridger to that imployment, the other with a draught of instructions for his conduct therein, were severally read, together with the said draught of instructions, and their lordships agreed to proceed in the further consideration of this subject, the first opportunity.

May 30. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The Draught of a lre. to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, ordered yesterday to be prepared, in answer to his of the 24th instant, upon several papers received from Monsr. D'Iberville, relating to the French at Newfoundld. [*fo.* 111, 112] Trade with Martinique, Inhabitants of Nova Scotia, and the consul at Tripoli, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Their Lordships then made a further progress in considering the papers received from my Lord Viscount Townshend's Lre. of the 20th instant [*fo.* 111], relating to the British commerce in the Austrian Low Countries and ordered that Mr. Drummond [*fo.* 114] be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him this evening at six o'clock.

Post Meridiem. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, in answer to his of the 24th instant [*fo.* 113], upon several papers from Monsr. D'Iberville, as agreed this morning, was signed.

Mr. Drummond attending [*fo.* 113] as desired, he was asked what he knew of the plan mentioned in his letter to the Lord Bolingbroke of the 4th of July, 1713, made in June, 1681, for the regulation of the duties in Flanders (which letter had been communicated from the Lord Townshend's office to this Board, with others from Mr. Drummond bound up in a book). Mr. Drummond said that plan only related to butter, upon which was imposed a duty of 12 Stivers per cwt. in conformity to the ordinary butter of Holland, Liege &c.

Being likewise asked, upon the foot of what tariff our trade stood in the Netherlands, during the former war, and after the peace of Ryswick; he said we paid according to the tariff of 21st Decr., 1680, till after the Treaty of Ryswick, and until we loaded the Flanders lace with so heavy duties; after which they charged our goods with such an imposition, as rendered our trade impracticable.

Mr. Drummond was then further asked, how the duty of Pound Gelt, was introduced at Bruges and Ghent, how it stood at present; and which way it might be abolished? Whereupon he said, that

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Leeward Islands.
Papers from
Monsieur D'Iberville.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

Trade.
Netherlands.
Papers considered.

Mr. Drummond.
summoned.

Newfoundland.
Leeward Islands.
Nova Scotia.
Trade.
Papers from
D'Iberville.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

Trade.
Mr. Drummond.
Netherlands.

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was a local duty paid upon consumption in Bruges and Ghent by the Dutch as well as English, and that he did not think those towns would agree to the abolishing of it.

He added, that the duties of exportation, being at present in the hands of the Dutch by possessing the barrier in the Netherlands, they declared in all conferences to have those duties restored to what they were in 1670, and therefore the duty of importation should be lessened in proportion. And as to the French he said they have a right only to the tariff of 1670.

May 31. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A memorial from Mr. Shirrif [*fo.* 132] relating to the establishing a magazin of merchandize and necessaries to be disposed of to the inhabitants of Nova Scotia, for gaining the Indians in those parts by commerce ; and in order to the better support of the garrison there was read, and Mr. Shirrif attending was called in, and acquainted that there were several difficulties in attempting to put his proposal in execution at present, but that as occasion should offer, they would promote what he had or should lay before them for his Majesty's service.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope [*fo.* 117], dated yesterday, referring to the Board two extracts of a letter from Monsr. Pontchartrain to Monsr. D'Iberville, envoy of France, relating to the English fishing at port St. Peters, or port Toulouze on the coast of l'Isle Royale or Cape Breton, and to Colonel Nicholson's obliging the French inhabitants of Accadie or Nova Scotia, immediately to retire thence, was read, together with the said extracts, and directions given for preparing an answer to Mr. Secry. Stanhope thereupon.

June 1. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [*fo.* 116, 119], ordered yesterday to be prepared in answer to his of the 30th of May, 1715, upon two extracts of letters, from Monsr. D'Iberville the French envoy, relating to the English fishing near port St. Peters, on the coast of Cape Breton, and Col. Nicholson's obliging the inhabitants of Nova Scotia to remove from thence without delay, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope [*fo.* 121], dated yesterday, desiring to know whether Newfoundland was intirely in the possession of England, or if any other prince had any part of it in the 1670, when the Treaty was made between this Crown and Spain, by Sir Wm. Godolphin, was read ; and directions given for preparing an extract of the representation [*fo.* 120] made by the Board of Trade the 2nd June, 1709, relating to her late Majesty's right to places in the West Indies and North America, possessed or claimed by the French, in order to be transmitted to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, with their lordships answer to his said letter.

Nova Scotia.
Memorial from
Mr. Shirrif.
Settlement of
publick magazine.

Mr. Shirrif
called in.

Nova Scotia.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
French complaints of
our fishing on their
coast.

Answer to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

Nova Scotia.
French complaints
about our fishery and
inhabitants of
Nova Scotia.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

Newfoundland.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

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June 2. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Their lordships considering [Dd. fo. 189] that upon his Majesty's happy accession to the throne, it is necessary new seals be prepared for sealing all publick instruments in his Majesty's Plantations in America, a repn. [fo. 141] proposing his Majesty's giving directions that proper seals be made and sent to each of the said plantations for that purpose was signed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [fo. 117], agreed yesterday, in answer to his of the 30th of May, upon two extracts of letters from Monsr. D'Iberville, relating to the English fishing near port St. Peters, on the coast of Cape Breton, and Col. Nicholson's obliging the inhabitants of Nova Scotia, without delay, to remove from thence, was signed.

Plantations General.
New seals.

Representation.

Nova Scotia.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
D'Iberville's
complaints.*

June 3. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Ordered that Mr. Bridger [fo. 104, 125] be desired to bring to this Board on Wednesday morning next, his answer to the queries delivered him the 20th of the last month, about timber and other naval stores, with what else he may have to offer on that subject, and that he be acquainted their lordships will not any longer delay their report to his Majesty relating thereto.

A letter from Mr. Drummond of the 2nd of June, 1715, relating to the Flanders tariff of 1684, and the duty upon cloth carried by the river Ourt, into the province of Limburgh was read.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend, in answer to his lordships letters of the 26th of April and 20th of May last [fo. 106], upon several papers referred to this Board relating to the trade with the Austrian Low Countries, and the expedient of a provisional regulation of commerce there, was agreed, transcribed and signed.

The extract of the repn. [fo. 118] mentioned in the minutes of the 1st instant, relating to her late Majesty's right to places in the West Indies, and North America, possessed or claimed by the French, was ordered to be inserted in the draught of a letter in answer to Mr. Secry. Stanhope's [fo. 118] of the 31st of the last month relating to the possession of Newfoundland in the year 1670, which being accordingly done, the said dt. was transcribed and signed.

New England.
Plantations General.
*Naval stores.
Mr. Bridger pressed
for answer to queries.*

Trade.
*Flanders.
Letter from
Mr. Drummond.
Letter to Lord
Townshend.*

Newfoundland.
Possession in 1670.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

June 8. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A memorial from Mr. Smith of Glasgow [fo. 108], with the observations of several North British gentlemen upon the extract of Mr. Wich's letter, and the copy of a convention with Hamburg sent him the 25th of the last month, relating to the herring trade there, was read; and the draught of a letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend in answer to his lordships of the 1st of Febry. and 20th past [fo. 107, 122], on that subject, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Trade.
*Memorial from
Mr. Smith.
Herrings Hamburg
convention.
Letter to Lord
Townshend.*

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Trade.

*Herrings.
Hamburgh.
Letter to Lord
Townshend.*

June 9. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend, agreed yesterday, in answer to his Lordships of the 1st of Febry. and 20th of the last month [*fo.* 121], upon the extracts of letters from Mr. Wich, and a convention with the city of Hamburgh, relating to the herring trade, was signed.

June 10. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Trade.
*Exports of
haberdashery,
millinery wares &c.*

*Letter to Lord
Townshend on
extract from Mr.
Whitworth.
Ratisbon.*

An Account of haberdashery [*fo.* 98] and millinery wares, laces and wrought silks exported to Germany and Holland from Christmas, 1710 to Christmas, 1714, lately received from Mr. Martyn, Inspector Genl. of the Customs, was laid before the Board, and the draught of a letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend, in answer to his lordships of the 11th of the last month [*fo.* 97], upon the extract of one from Mr. Whitworth his Majesty's plenipotentiary at Ratisbon, relating to our ribbon trade &c. in Germany, was agreed and signed.

June 13. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Nevis.
*Order of Council.
Petition of hostages
at Martinique.*

An Order of Council of the 20th of April, 1715, referring to the Board the petition of Thomas Abbot and Charles Earl, natives and inhabitants of the island of Nevis, relating to the hardships they have suffered, and still lie under at Martinique as hostages for the payment of 1400 negroes, according to agreement with the French upon quitting the said island of Nevis, was read, together with the said petition; whereupon ordered that General Hamilton, Col. Jory, and Mr. Nevin be desired to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next, and that the papers in the office upon that subject [*fo.* 125, 126], be in the meantime, looked out and laid before the Board.

June 14. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Trade.

*Letter from Lord
Townshend.
Extracts.
Wich.
Hamburgh.
Letter to Mr. Smith
of Glasgow for
opinion of North
British gentlemen.*

A letter from the Lord Visct. Townshend [*fo.* 132] of the 10th instant, together with the extracts of two letters from Mr. Wich, dated the 7th and 14th of this month N.S. relating to the herring trade at Hamburgh, were read; whereupon ordered that copies of the said extracts be sent to Mr. Smith of Glasgow [*fo.* 130], and that he be desired to communicate the same to some of the North British gentlemen here in order to their lordships receiving as soon as conveniently may be, what they have to offer thereupon.

Nevis.

*Papers about
French invasion.
Hostages.*

*to be further
considered.*

Several papers relating to the French invasion of Nevis in the year 1706, were laid before the Board [*fo.* 124], as directed yesterday and the conditions given by the French to the inhabitants of that island at the time of the descent (Leeward Islands, K. No. 59). As also an account of the taking of Nevis by Monsr. D'Iberville, and his breach of the treaty of surrender &c. (K. 64) were read, whereupon their lordships resolved to consider further thereof tomorrow morning, with the petition of the hostages at Martinique, mentioned in yesterday's minutes.

A letter from Mr. Bridger [*fo.* 119], in answer to the queries delivered to him the 20th of May last, relating to timber and other naval stores to be imported from America, was read.

A letter from Mr. Taylour, Secry. to the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury dated the 9th of June, 1715, desiring the opinion of the Board upon the said Bridger's petition &c. for the renewal of his commission, as surveyor of the woods on the continent of America [*fo.* 128, 205], was likewise read, together with his said petition and reasons for continuing such an officer. Whereupon ordered that what Brigadier Hunter has written relating to Mr. Bridger, be looked out and laid before the Board tomorrow morning.

June 15. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

General Hamilton, Col. Jory and Mr. Nevin attending [*fo.* 124], as they had been desired, in relation to the petn. of the English hostages, carried to Martinique upon the capitulation of Nevis in 1706, General Hamilton presented to the Board some objections to the French demands against the inhabitants of Nevis, on account of their being compelled to sign two capitulations and Monsr. D'Iberville's breach thereof; which objections were read, and Mr. James Buttler attending likewise, who was at the same time upon that island, he confirmed the substance of the said objections.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that a letter be writ to Genl. Hamilton, desiring him to consult such gentlemen here as he judges may inform him (if he knows it not himself) whether the French broke the articles signed the 19th of April, 1706, either by burning houses, works &c. seizing of negroes, or whether they did any other acts of hostility after the said time, and how far the same may be proved, and that he will signify the same to this Board as soon as may be.

A certificate from his Majesty's Remembrancer's Office, dated the 10th instant, of security being given for Mr. Hart [*fo.* 99], nominated by the Lord Guilford to be Govr. of Maryland, was read; and a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, inclosing the usual draught of instructions, relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation for the said Mr. Hart, was signed.

A letter from Col. Burges, Govr. of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, to the Secry. desiring to be heard before the Board come to any resolution upon the reference from the Treasury of Mr. Bridger's petition for the place of surveyor of the woods on the continent of America [*fo.* 126, 129, 132], was read; and Col. Burges attending, he was desired to give their lordships an account, what he accuses Mr. Bridger of, and the names of the witnesses to prove the same, which he promised to bring to their lordships tomorrow morning.

Mr. Graves attending, presented to the Board a petition with two papers annexed relating to the miserable state of the Bahama Islands, which were read; whereupon he was desired to bring

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New England.
Plantations General.
Letter from Mr.
Bridger.
Answer to queries
about timber and
naval stores.
Letter from
Mr. Taylour.

Bridger's petition
about
surveyor of the woods.
Reasons for
continuing such an
officer.
Hunter's complaint
against Bridger.

Nevis.
General Hamilton,
Colonel Jory and
Mr. Nevin about
hostages at
Martinique.
Objections to the
French demands.

Mr. Buttler.

Letter to General
Hamilton about
breach of articles by
the French.

Maryland.
Certificate from
Remembrancer's office.
Security for Hart.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Instructions for
trade.

New England.
Letter from Colonel
Burgess to be heard upon
Bridger's petition.

Accusation against
Bridger in
writing &c.

Bahamas.
Mr. Graves.
Petition and papers
about state of the
islands.

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Mr. Graves to bring a calculation of the charge of sending a Govr. with forces and stores of war &c. for resettling the island of Providence &c. which he promised accordingly.

June 16. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

**New York.
New England.**
*Letters from Brigadier
Hunter against
Bridger.*

*Letter to Mr.
Taylour about
accusation of Bridger
to Lord High
Treasurer.*

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Tilson.
Extract from Mr.
Leathes at Bruxels.
British merchants
free brokers at Bruges.
Letter from Mr.
Smith of Glasgow.
Herring trade at
Hamburg.*

*Letter to Lord
Townshend.*

Several letters from Brigadr. Hunter, Govr. of New York, relating to Mr. Bridger, late surveyor of the woods on the continent of America [*fo.* 128], being laid before the Board, the paragraphs K. L. and M. of his letter dated the 12th of September, 1711, (New York Bundle Aa. No. 64) and paragraphs V. and W. of his letter dated the 1st of January, 1711—12 (Bundle Aa. No. 91) were read; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Taylour, to desire he will move the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury, that this Board may be informed upon what account and for what reason the letter mentioned by Brigadier Hunter in his forementioned of the 12th Sept., 1711, concerning Mr. Bridger, was writ to him by Mr. Lowndes, and what informations the then Lord High Treasurer received from any New England gentleman upon that subject.

A letter from Mr. Tilson, Secry. to the Lord Viscount Townshend, dated yesterday, inclosing an extract of a letter from Mr. Leathes at Bruxels of the 18th instant N.S. relating to British merchants becoming free brokers at Bruges, was read.

A letter from Mr. Smith of Glasgow [*fo.* 125] dated the 15th in answer to that writ him the 14th instant, upon two extracts of letters from Mr. Wych [*fo.* 258], his Majesty's Minister at Hamburg, relating to the herring trade there, particularly the appointing a sole broker in that city for disposing of herrings brought thither by his Majesty's subjects, was read; and directions thereupon given for preparing a reply to the Lord Viscount Townshend's letter of the 10th instant [*fo.* 132.]

June 17. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Miscellanies.
*Incident
accounts.*

The accounts of the incidental charges of this office for half a year from Michaelmas, 1714, to Lady day, 1715, amounting to two hundred forty six pounds four shillings and three pence, were laid before the Board vizt.

Account of petty expences from Michaelmas, 1714			
to Christmas following, amounting to	38	3	6
The same from Christmas, 1714, to Lady day, 1715	118	9	6
The stationer's account from Michaelmas, 1714			
to Christmas following, amounting to	23	19	9
The same from Christmas, 1714, to Lady day, 1715	43	18	6
Account of postage of letters from Michaelmas, 1714 to Christmas follg. amounting to	12	13	9
The same from Christmas, 1714, to Lady day, 1715 amounting to	8	19	3

In all	£246	4	3
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Whereupon a letter transmitting the same to the Lords Commrs. of his Majesty's Treasury, and representing to their lordships the state of the salary due to this Board, as also to the Secry. and under officers, was signed.

The draught of a letter [*fo.* 124], ordered yesterday to be prepared to the Lord Viscount Townshend upon his lordships. of the 10th instant, and what Mr. Smith of Glasgow has writ in answer to Mr. Wich's proposal of one only broker &c. for our herring trade at Hamburgh, was agreed and signed.

A memorial from Mr. Shirrif [*fo.* 116], relating to his services in Nova Scotia for which he had no allowance, and praying their lordships recommendation of him for some employment, was read.

A letter from Col. Burges Govr. of New England, containing particular charges against Mr. Bridger late surveyor of the woods on the continent of America [*fo.* 128, 133], which was read; whereupon ordered that Col. George Vaughan, Mr. Lechmere, Mr. Mienzies and Mr. Thomas Coram, therein mentioned as persons who can prove the said charges, be desired to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

June 20. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, recommending Mr. Shirrif for an employment in Nova Scotia or elsewhere [*fo.* 132], according to the memorial of his services, mentioned in yesterday's minutes was signed.

Col. Burges attending [*fo.* 132], with Col. Vaughan, Mr. Lechmere, Mr. Mienzies and Mr. Thomas Coram, who had been summoned to prove several charges of misbehaviour in Mr. Bridger late surveyor of the woods on the continent of America, Col. Burges was called in, and was present when the forementioned gentlemen were severally enquired of concerning Mr. Bridgers conduct in his said office, the substance of what they said being, that he had not been so diligent as was his duty in surveying the woods and marking of trees for the use of the Royal Navy. That they heard he sold licences for a piece of eight or six shillings, to persons to cut logs, which was particularly confirmed by the copy of an affidavit produced by Mr. Coram, and acknowledged by Col. Vaughan to have been taken before him, they added that some of the said persons had no regard to the trees that were marked [*fo.* 143]. That he permitted none to cut logs without his licences, and being paid for the same, and that they had likewise heard he had taken £50 from Mr. Mico for permitting a ship under contract but without a licence to load masts &c. for the Navy, for which sum Mr. Lechmere acquainted the Board, there was an article inserted in the said Mico his partner's books of account.

Mr. Coram then presented to their lordships the copy of a memorial from himself to the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury, dated the 9th of Janry., 1710, relating to the corrupt practices of the said Bridger, which was read.

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*Letter to Lords
Commissioners of the
Treasury.*

Trade.

*Herrings at
Hamburgh.
Letter to Lord
Townshend.*

Nova Scotia.

*Memorial from
Shirrif about his
services.*

New England.

*Letter from Colonel
Burges against
Bridger.*

*Persons summoned
to prove the charges.*

Nova Scotia.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
in favour of Shirrif.*

New England.

*Colonel Burges and
others against
Bridger.
Particular charges
against him.*

*Copy of an
affidavit.*

*Memorial from
Coram against
Bridger.*

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*Mr. Bridger
summoned.**Colonel Burges
objects to a land
bank in
New England.
to do it in writing.**Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Address and petition
for a land bank.**Merchants, &c.
summoned.*

Ordered that Mr. Bridger have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

Col. Burges acquainted their lordships that he had some objections to make to the proposal of a land-bank in New England, which he understood would be referred to this Board, whereupon he was desired to bring the same in writing as soon as he could.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope, of the 15th instant, referring to the Board, an address and petition of several gentlemen and merchants of New England; as also a petn. of the merchants &c. in London relating to a land bank proposed to be established in New England, was read; whereupon ordered that the principal persons in London [fo. 151], who are concerned in the said proposal, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

June 21. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

Several letters and papers from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York &c. were laid before the Board, as follows vizt.

Letter from Brigr. Hunter Govr. of New York to the Secry., dated the 10th of Sept., 1713, relating to the condemned negroes, the Tuscaruro and five nations of Indians, the meeting of the assemblies, and to the proclamation of the peace.

Printed Ordinance for regulating and establishing fees, dated 19th Octr., 1710.

Letter from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York, and New Jersey, to the Secry., dated 7th of May, 1714.

Letter from Brigr. Hunter of 27th Augt., 1714, transmitting several acts passed in that province in 1713 and 1714, with his remarks upon the same, and complaining of his bills for the subsistence of the palatines, not being paid &c.

List of 18 Acts passed at New York in 1713, and 1714.

Account of the receipt and issue of the revenue of New York, from the 1st July, 1713 to the 30th June, 1714.

Letter from Brigadier Hunter Govr. of New York, to the Board, dated the 18th October, 1714, relating to his proclaiming the King there, and inclosing three addresses to his Majesty.

Copy of an address from the Govr. and Council of New York, upon his Majesty's accession to the throne.

Copy of an address from the mayor, recorder, alderman and assistants of New York, upon his Majesty's accession to the throne.

Copy of an address of the Grand Jury of New York, upon his Majesty's accession to the throne.

Letter from Brigr. Hunter to the Secry., dated 18th Octr., 1714, signifying his great joy upon King George's accession to the throne &c.

Letter from Brigr. Hunter Govr. of New York, to the Secry., dated the 8th of Novr., 1714.

Letters from Brigr. Hunter, Govr. of New York, &c. dated the 8th and 25th of Novr., 1714, transmitting several acts passed there in Sept. last &c.

*New York.
Letters and papers
from
Brigadier Hunter.*

1715.

Copy of an address of the Justices of the Peace, Sherrif and Grand Jury of New York, upon his Majesty's accession to the throne.

Proceedings of Brigr. Hunter with the five nations of Indians in Sept., 1714.

Eight acts passed at New York, the 4th of Sept., 1714.

Letter from Brigr. Hunter, Govr. of New York and New Jersey to the Board, dated the 28th of March, 1715.

Minutes of Council in New Jersey of 21st and 22nd Janry., 1715.

Letter from Brigr. Hunter, Govr. of New York, to the Secry. dated the 28th of March, 1715, signifying his having recd. no orders since his Majesty's arrival,—and about Col. Nicholson,—as also desiring assistance in the ill condition of his affairs.

Letter from Brigr. Hunter, to the Secry. dated the 9th of April, 1715, relating to his ill circumstances, and signifying his having displaced the Attorney General of the Jerseys, and about the abettors in betraying the service of the Govnt.

And the draught of a letter to Brigr. Hunter, upon his fore-mentioned letters &c. was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope inclosing the three addresses transmitted with Brigr. Hunters forementioned Lre., to the Board of the 18th of Octr., 1714, in order to be laid before his Majesty, was signed.

A letter from the president and council of Bermuda, dated the 9th of May last, signifying the death of Mr. Pulleyn, late Lieut. Govr. of those islands, and desiring Col. Bennet may succeed him, was read.

June 22. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminique.

A letter to Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York, agreed yesterday was signed.

June 23. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminique.

The letter from Brigadier Hunter of the 9th of April last, to the Secretary of this Board, mentioned in the minutes of the 21st instant, being read ; ordered that an extract of that part thereof, which relates to Mr. Talbot's behaviour in the Jerseys be sent to the Lord Bishop of London [fo. 142.]

The copy of an order of Council of the 17th of June, upon a repn. of the 6th of May last [fo. 75], approving the draughts of instructions for Brigr. Hunter Govr. of New York and New Jersey, was read.

An Order of Council of the same date upon another repn. of the 6th of May last [fo. 75] for confirming two Acts at New York, one passed the 15th of Octr., 1713, intituled *An Act for laying an excise on all Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony* ; The other passed the 4th Sept., 1714, intituled *An Act for the paying and discharging the several debts and sums of money claimed as Debts of this Colony &c.* was read,

*Answer to
Brigr. Hunter.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
with addresses from
New York.*

Bermuda.

New York.
*Letter to Brigadier
Hunter.*

**New York.
New Jersey.**
*Brigadier Hunter's
letter about missionary
in the Jerseys.
Letter to Lord Bishop
of London.*

*Order on
representation with
Brigadier Hunter's
instructions.*

*Order on
representation upon
Acts.*

1715.

Jamaica.

*Order of Council
on representation
upon acts.*

Plantations General.

*Order of Council.
New Seats.*

Mr. Roos summoned.

Jamaica.

*Order of Council
about
assistance for that
island.*

Miscellanies.

*Copies of Orders of
Council.
Letter to Lord
President.*

An Order of Council of the 30th upon a repn. of the 29th of April, 1715, for confirming two acts past at Jamaica the 19th of May and 31st of July, 1711 [*fo.* 68, 437], the former intituled *An Act for regulating fees*, the latter, *An Act for the further quieting of possessions and preventing vexatious suits at law*, was read.

An Order of Council of the 17th upon a repn. of the 2nd instant [*fo.* 118, 182], directing this Board to cause new seals to be prepared for his Majesty's Plantations in America, and laid before his Majesty for his royal approbation, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Roos, engraver of his Majesty's seals, have notice to attend their lordships on Monday morning next.

Another Order of Council of the 17th instant, upon a repn. of the 25th of April last, relating to the ill state of Jamaica &c. [*fo.* 59] and referring to the consideration of the Board how his Majesty may assist that island from hence, was read, and their lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at the first opportunity.

In the meantime, upon occasion of receiving the forementioned Orders of Council, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lord President of the Council to represent to his Lordsp. that it is for his Majesty's service, this Board receive the signification of his Majesty's pleasure upon their repns. as soon as possible after his Majesty's declaration thereof, which was accordingly prepared and signed.

June 24. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Plantations General.**New Jersey.**

Missionary.

Mr. Talbot.

*Letter to Bishop of
London.*

New England.

Charges against

Bridger.

Sent for his answers.

A letter to the Lord Bishop of London [*fo.* 140], relating to the characters of missionaries sent to the plantations, and inclosing an extract of Brigr. Hunter's letter of the 9th of April last, to the Secy. mentioned in yesterdays minutes, was signed.

The heads of several charges against Mr. Bridger, late surveyor general of the woods on the continent of America [*fo.* 134, 161], being laid before the Board; ordered that the same be sent to him for his particular answers as soon as may be.

The following copies of Orders of Council, being new recd. from the Council Office were laid before the Board, and read vizt.

New Hampshire.

Order

for a counsellor.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 31st January, 1711, upon a repn. of this Board of the 15th of the same month [*P. fo.* 63], recommending Mr. Wentworth to be of the Council of New Hampshire, approving the same.

Virginia.

*Order confirming
an Act.*

Copy of an Order of Council of the 29th of Octr., 1712, upon the repn. of the 25th Septr. foregoing [*P. fo.* 211] for the confirming an Act past in Virginia in Novr., 1711, for *Sale of part of the estate of the late Col. Parke*, approving the same.

New Jersey.

Order of Council.

Removal

of counsellors.

Copy of an Order of Council of 15th April, 1713, upon a report from a Committee of Appeals upon a repn. of the 27th of Augt., 1712 [*P. fo.* 209], proposing the removal of several persons from the Council of New Jersey, and recommending others in their stead.

Jamaica.

*Order of Council
approving a
counsellor.*

Copy of an Order of Council of 25th Octr., 1713, upon a repn. from the Board of the 16th ditto [*Q. fo.* 30], proposing Mr. Bernard to be of the Council of Jamaica, approving the same.

Copy of an Order of Council of 9th Novr., 1713 [Q. fo. 30], upon a repn. of this Board, proposing the confirmation of *An Act*, passed in Barbadoes, to enable the surviving executors of *Johanna Paris* to dispose of lands &c. approving the same.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 21st April, 1714, upon a repn. of 12th March, 1713—14 [Q. fo. 157], relating to an *Act* of Jamaica about the estate of *Thomas Finch*, approving the said *Act*.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 31st January, 1711, [P. fo. 71], upon a repn. of this Board of the same day, proposing the confirmation of an *Act* passed there to dock the intail of certain lands in the parish of *Philips* &c. approving the same.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 8th March, 1711, upon a letter of this Board to the Earl of Dartmouth [P. fo. 69] upon a petition of Mr. Frere, one of the Council of Barbadoes, praying to be restored to his precedency therein, ordering the said Frere to be restored to his precedency accordingly.

A memorial in behalf of Col. Bennet Lieut. Govr. of Bermuda, relating to several particular matters, wherein he is concerned there, and upon which he desires instructions; was read; whereupon ordered that Sir John Bennet be desired to attend on Tuesday morning next [fo. 146] or any other morning that shall be more convenient for him, except Mondays and Saturdays.

June 27. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Two letters from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Govr. of Jamaica, were read, the one dated the 31st of January, 1714—15 with the minutes of the Council of Jamaica the 13th of the same month; the other dated the 26th of April, 1715, with the Receiver Generals Account current of the revenue from Michaelmas, 1713 to Michaelmas, 1714, and minutes of the Council of that island from the 23 Octr., 1713 to the 22 of March, 1714—15.

Ordered that the Secry. write to Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of His Majesty's Customs, to desire this Board may have as soon as possible an account of the quantity of woollen goods, tin, lead and fish exported from all parts of England for six years from Christmas, 1708 to Christmas, 1714, in three mediums vizt. the first containing the exports of 1709 and 1710, the second of 1711 and 1712, and the third of 1713 and 1714.

June 28. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Sir John Bennet attending [fo. 145] the meml. mentioned in the minutes of the 24th instant, in behalf of his brother Col. Bennet Lieut. Govr. of Bermuda, relating to several particular matters wherein he is concerned there, and upon which as Lieut. Govr. he desires instructions, was again read; and after some discourse with Sir John Bennet thereupon, directions were given for preparing a letter to Col. Bennet on the several heads in the said memorial.

June 29. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

1715.

Barbadoes.
Order of Council
confirming an Act.

Jamaica.
Order of Council.
Act about Finch &c.

Barbadoes.
Order of Council.
Act to dock the intail
of lands.

Order of Council.

Frere to be restored
to his precedency in
the Council of
Barbadoes.

Bermuda.
Memorial in behalf
of Colonel Bennet.
Matters for
instructions.
Sir John Bennet
summoned.

Jamaica.
Letters from Lord
Archibald Hamilton
with several papers.

Trade.
Letter to Mr.
Martyn.
Exports of woollen
goods, tin, lead, fish.

Bermuda.
Sir John Bennet.
Particulars for
instructions.

Letter to Colonel
Bennet.

1715.

Nova Scotia.
Letter from Major
Caulfield.

A letter from Major Caulfield, Lieut. Governor of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, dated the 12th of January, 1714—15 relating to his proclaiming King George there, and administering the oaths to the inhabitants, was read, and the papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board vizt.

Papers therein
referred to.

Manner of proclaiming King George at Annapolis Royal.

Several proclamations of King George, and oaths signed and sworn to by the officers, soldiers and inhabitants of Annapolis Royal, &c.

2nd letter from
Major Caulfield.

Declarations signed by several French inhabitants of Nova Scotia, recognizing King George their lawful sovereign.

Another letter from Major Caulfield, dated at Annapolis the 3rd of January, 1714—15 was likewise read, and the papers therein referred to, laid before the Board, vizt.

Papers therein
referred to

The Commissarys account of corn received into the stores, since General Nicholson's departure with what provisions remain in store.

The answer of the Indians of the River Saint Johns, to the demand made of their swearing allegiance to King George.

Answer of the Indians of Penobscot, relating to their swearing allegiance to King George, and other propositions made to them.

The answer of the priest, and the inhabitants of the river St. Johns, relating to their taking the oath of Fidelity to King George.

The answer of the inhabitants of Checanecton relating to the oath of fidelity required of them.

Answer of the inhabitants of Minus, relating to the proclaiming of King George, &c.

List of the inhabitants of Minus.

A Roll of the inhabitants of Checanecton who were present on proclaiming King George at Beaubassin.

Proclamation of King George in Nova Scotia with subscriptions of the oaths.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

Whereupon their lordships gave directions for preparing a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [fo. 151.]

June 30. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Bermuda.
Representation
with Instructions.

The draught of instructions for Col. Bennet, Lieut. Govr. of Bermuda [Q. fo. 449] being prepared in the usual form, a repn. was signed wherewith to lay the same before his Majesty, as also the draught of instructions with particular regard to the Acts of Trade and Navigation.

Bermuda.
Plantations General.
Letter to Mr. Attorney
General.

Queries about Ne
Exeat Insulam
and
security upon appeals.

Their lordships then gave directions for the secrys. writing to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion upon two queries which were drawn up and agreed relating to a writ of ne exeat insulam being granted by any his Majesty's Governors of Plantations, against their predecessors, and to security to be given by the respondents to answer the value of the estate or effects which by virtue of any sentence given by the Govr. and Council of a plantation may come

into the said respondents possession, in case his Majesty upon an appeal shall reverse such sentence of the Governor and Council.

The draught of a letter, ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, relating to the present state of Nova Scotia [fo. 149], with regard to the French inhabitants and Indians ; and particularly the hardships which the garrison lies under at Annapolis Royal was agreed and signed.

A letter from Mr. James Campbell to the Secry., dated this day, relating to the great want the garrison of Placentia is in [fo. 157], of all necessities, and to the fishery there, was read ; whereupon a letter inclosing a copy thereof to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, was immediately signed.

Col. Byfield and several New England gentlemen and merchants attending [fo. 135, 153, 200], they presented to the Board proposals for erecting a Land Bank in New England, which were read ; and their lordships had some discourse with them thereupon, particularly in relation to the 5th article where they offer one third part of the nett profits of the said intended Bank to be appropriated for raising naval stores, being asked if they were not willing to allow one half of such net profits towards the producing naval stores, they did not decline it, and as to the appropriated part for naval stores, they said, the same might be lodged with an agent to be appointed by the Crown.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that Col. Burges and Mr. Dummer be acquainted that this Board desire to speak with them at ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

July 1. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Mr. Dummer attending, according to appointment, he was acquainted that their lordships understood he desired to be heard when anything should be offered to the Board in relation to the erecting a land bank in New England, and that their lordships having received some proposals upon that subject, they were ready to hear what he had to say [fo. 151, 156] ; whereupon Mr. Dummer intimated his opinion that Bills of Credit to be issued by any particular society of men, would not have so good a sanction as such Bills, being issued by the government there ; and that if there were an advantage to be made by the said Bills of Credit, it would be fitting the publick should reap the benefit preferable to any select company ; and after some further discourse with Mr. Dummer, he promised to bring their lordships a memorial in writing in relation to the said intended Bank [fo. 195.]

A memorial from several merchants relating to a Bill to be brought in Parliament for taking off the duties on Timber brought from America [fo. 157], was read ; and directions given for preparing the draught of a Repn. thereupon.

General Hamilton attending with Major Dunbar, and being asked several questions in relation to the capitulation of Nevis, Major Dunbar said that after the inhabitants had surrendered themselves to the French upon articles of capitulation, Monsr. D'Iberville immediately broke the said articles and disarmed all the gentlemen

1715.

Nova Scotia.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

Newfoundland.
Letter from
Mr. Campbell.
Garrison and fishery.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

New England.
Byfield and others.

Land Bank.

Proposals.

Naval stores.

Colonel Burges
and Mr. Dummer
summoned.

New England.
Mr. Dummer.

Land bank.

Memorial in
writing.

New England.
Plantations General.
Memorial.
Duties on timber &c.

Nevis.
General Hamilton.
Majr. Dunbar.
Capitulation
broke by the French.

1715.

*Major Dunbar
to make affidavit.*

Trade.
*Letter to Mr.
Carkesse for
exports of woollen
manufacture.*

Leeward Islands.
*Sufferers.
Debentures to
Mr. Buttler.*

Virginia
*Letter from Mr.
Taylour.
Memorial from
Commissioners of the
Customs against
an Act about persons
bearing office.
Representation
ordered.*

New England.
*Mr. Banister
summoned.
Colonel Burges
opinion about land
bank.*

*to bring his thoughts
in writing.*

Virginia.
*Representation Act
about 3 years
residence to bear
office.*

Plantations General.
New England.
*Representation.
Naval stores.*

of the island, and kept them in custody, some in the Church, others on board of his ships, and after having kept them so three or four days, he then demanded all their negroes, and continued burning several of their houses, notwithstanding the said capitulation. That the inhabitants not being able to recover their negroes they being retired into the mountains. He drew up other articles, which he forced the inhabitants to sign the 8—19 of April, 1706, upon threats of being otherwise sent to the mines among the Spaniards, in which articles it was agreed that they should deliver to him 1400 negroes in three months, or an hundred pieces of eight for every negro wanting, and he obliged himself by the said article to commit no more depredations there; notwithstanding which he daily took off negroes on board of his ships, and several houses (particularly Sr. Wm. Stapleton's) Coppers Mills &c. were burnt. After some further discourse with Major Dunbar upon these matters he was desired to make an affidavit of what he knew thereof, which he promised to do accordingly.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse to move the Commrs. of His Majesty's Customs, that this Board may have, as soon as conveniently may be, an account from the Searchers office, of the woollen manufactures exported to foreign parts in the years 1711 and 1712.

Mr. James Buttler attending and his powers of attorney being examined the three debentures numbered 503, 587, and 655, for some of the sufferers at Nevis and St. Christophers, were delivered to him.

A letter from Mr. Taylour, Secry. to the Lords Commrs. of His Majesty's Treasury, dated the 24th of the last month, together with a memorial from the Commrs. of the Customs against an Act of Virginia, relating to persons not bearing offices there, till after three years residence, were read, and directions given for preparing a Reprn. [fo. 156] to his Majesty upon the said Act.

July 5. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

Ordered that Mr. Banister [fo. 158] have notice to attend the Board between ten and eleven of ye clock tomorrow morning.

Colonel Burges attending [fo. 152, 222], their lordships had some discourse with him in relation to the Land Bank proposed to be erected in New England, wherein he declared his opinion much to the same effect as Mr. Dummer had done, the first instant, particularly that the advantage to be made of such a project ought rather to accrue to the governmt. of New England, than to particular persons; and Colonel Burges being desired to bring his thoughts thereupon in writing [fo. 195], he promised to do it accordingly.

The draught of a reprn. [fo. 155, 158] ordered to be prepared the 1st instant, upon an Act passed in Virginia, the 23rd of Octr., 1705, relating to persons not bearing offices there till after three years residence, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a representation [fo. 153 v. infra] likewise ordered to be prepared the 1st instant, relating to the encouragement for bringing naval stores from America, and particularly to the taking

off the duties upon timber imported from thence, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope [*fo.* 151] of the 3rd instant, relating to the future supply of necessaries for the garrison at Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia and Placentia in Newfoundland, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereto.

July 6. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

The draught of a representation [*v. supra.*] mentioned in yesterdays minutes, relating to the incouragement for bringing naval stores from America, particularly the taking off the duties upon timber imported, was signed, as likewise a letter for inclosing the same to Mr. Secry. Stanhope.

The draught of another representation, mentioned likewise in yesterdays minutes, upon an Act passed in Virginia the 23rd Octr., 1705 [*fo.* 156, 277] relating to persons not bearing offices there till after three years residence, was signed and sent to ye Council office.

Mr. Banister, attending as he had been desired [*fo.* 156, 169], their lordships had some discourse with him in relation to the Land Bank proposed to be erected in New England, the preservation of the woods and production of other naval stores there, and the gaining the Indians to our interest as likewise concerning the Fishery on that coast, upon which several subjects Mr. Banister promised to bring their lordships a memorial in writing.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, in answer to his of the 3rd instant, relating to the future supply of necessaries for the garrisons at Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia and Placentia in Newfdld. being prepared according to order, the same was agreed and directed to be transcribed.

July 7. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope agreed yesterday in answer to his of the 3rd instant [*fo.* 157] relating to the future supply of necessaries for the garrison at Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia and Placentia in Newfoundland was signed.

July 8. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope, of the 7th instant, transmitting to the Board two letters, one from Mr. Craven, Governor of Carolina, dated the 23rd of May last, the other from Colonel Spotswood, Govr. of Virginia, dated the 27th of the same month, relating to hostilities committed by the Indians in Carolina was read, together with Mr. Craven's and Col. Spotswood's said letters; whereupon a letter was immediately writ to the Lords proprietors of Carolina [*fo.* 163], inclosing copies of the last mentioned letters, and signifying this Boards desire of an opportunity to discourse with them thereupon any morning the next week that their lordships shall appoint.

1715.

Duty on timber.

Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Supply of necessaries
for garrisons.

Plantations General.
New England.
Representation about
Naval stores.
Duty on timber.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

Virginia.
Representation on Act
about 3 years
residence to bear
office.

New England.
Mr. Banister
about
Land bank.
Woods.
Naval stores.
Indians
fishery.
Promises a
memorial.

Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Necessaries for the
Garrisons.

Newfoundland.
Nova Scotia.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Necessaries for the
Garrisons.

Carolina.
Virginia.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
about
insurrection of
Indians.

Letter to Lords
proprietors of
Carolina.

1715.

Carolina.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Insurrection of
Indians.
Letter from the Lords
proprietors.*

July 12. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminique.

The letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope [*fo.* 159, 180] of the 7th mentioned in the minutes of the 8th instant, with the two letters inclosed, relating to an insurrection and hostilities committed by the Indians in Carolina were read, as likewise a letter from the Lords proprietors of that province upon the same subject, dated the 8th of this month.

New England.

*Letter from Mr.
Bridger
answer to charges
against him.*

A letter from Mr. Bridger late Surveyor General of the Woods on the continent of America, to the Secry., dated the 5th instant, with answers to the several charges against him [*fo.* 143, v. *infra*], was laid before the Board, and part thereof being read, their lordships agreed to proceed in the further consideration of that matter tomorrow morning.

July 13. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminique.

New England.
*Mr. Bridger's letter
in answer to
complaints.*

The remaining part of the letter from Mr. Bridger, late Surveyor of the Woods on the continent of America, mentioned in yesterdays minutes [*v. supra*, 174] in answer to the several charges against him was read, as likewise the following papers therein referred to vizt.

*Papers therein
referred to.*

Mr. Bridger's letter to Colonel Dudley Govr. of New England, dated the second of Decr., 1714, nominating his deputy surveyors of the Woods, and Col. Dudley's approbation of them.

Letter from Colonel Dudley to the Secry. in favour of Mr. Bridger, late Surveyor of the Woods in America, dated the 12th January, 1714-15.

Col. Dudley's order for Mr. Bridger's having a guard to visit the Woods in New Hampshire, dated the 29th Decr., 1714.

Repn. from several merchts. &c. in favour of Mr. Bridger, whom they desire may be re-established Surveyor of the Woods on the continent of America.

*Mr. Bridger
summoned.*

Whereupon ordered that Mr. Bridger have notice to attend the Board on Friday morning next.

Nova Scotia.
*Order of Council.
Letters and papers
from
Major Caulfield.*

An Order of Council of the 17th of June, 1715, transmitting to this Board a letter from Major Caulfield Lieut. Govr. of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, to the Lords of the Council, dated the 12th of January, 1714, with the following papers, relating to the proclaiming King George in that province, was read, the said papers being most duplicates of those transmitted with Major Caulfield's letter to this Board of the same date, and mentioned in the minutes of the 29th of last month vizt.

Protestation signed by the French at Annapolis, recognizing King George their lawfull sovereign.

Four proclamations of King George by the Govr. officers and inhabitants of Annapolis and other parts of Nova Scotia.

Oaths of allegiance, supremacy and abjuration taken and subscribed by the officers, soldiers, and inhabitants of Annapolis and other parts of Nova Scotia.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 30th June, 1715, upon a Repn. of the same date, approving the draughts of instructions for Colonel Bennet, Lieutenant Govr. of Bermuda, was read.

The Lord Carteret [*fo.* 160], one of the Lords proprietors of Carolina, then coming to the Board, with Mr. Kettleby, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Shelton, the letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 7th instant, mentioned in the minutes of the 8th referring to the Board two letters, one from Mr. Craven, the other from Col. Spotswood, relating to an insurrection and hostilities committed by the Indians in Carolina, was again read; whereupon the Lord Carteret acquainted the Board, that the Lords proprietors had petitioned his Majesty for some assistance towards the preservation of the said provinces, which *they are unable to support of themselves*, the minority of two of the proprietors making it impossible to raise money by mortgaging their Charter, that their said Charter will be a virtual security for what his Majesty shall please to advance them in arms, ammunition and other necessities for the defence of the province, tho' it will not be so to any private persons; that besides what is mentioned in the Lords proprietors letter of the 8th instant, they were informed that six small field pieces or rather some harquebusses were necessary to be sent as soon as possible, and his lordship desired the Board would please to represent to his Majesty the extremities to which the Colony is reduced, and what his Majesty may fitly do for their present relief.

Mr. Johnson observed that tho' Carolina is at present under proprietors, it is a frontier to the Colonies under his Majesty's immediate government, and therefore he hoped his Majesty would please to send the supply of arms &c. as desired.

The Board then desired my Lord Carteret would please to let them have in writing any further particulars he should think necessary to move his Majesty for, on this occasion.

1715.
Bermuda.
*Order of Council.
Colonel Bennet's
instructions.*

Carolina.
*Lord Carteret and
several Carolina
gentlemen.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Insurrection of
Indians &c.*

*Lord Carteret desired
to bring what he has
further to move in
writing.*

July 14. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Secry. Stanhope came to the Board, who had some conference with him in relation to the present state of Carolina, and the relief to be given to that province upon the invasion and hostilities committed by the Indians, after which the Lord Viscount Townshend coming likewise to the Board, he acquainted them that the Lords of his Majesty's Cabinet Council desired their attendance at his lordships office, whereupon the Board went accordingly, and being returned a letter was immediately writ to the Lords proprietors of Carolina with several queries [*fo.* 163, 170], for their answers in writing tomorrow morning, and desiring their lordships will please to come to the Board at the same time.

A letter to Mr. Pulteney his Majesty's Secry. at War [*fo.* 179] desiring copies of the establishments of the garrisons at Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia and Placentia in Newfoundland, as likewise copies of the last accounts he has received of the effective men in each of the said garrisons, and what clothing remains in the stores there, not delivered out to the soldiers, was signed.

Carolina.
*Mr. Secretary
Stanhope about
present state of
Carolina.
Lord Viscount
Townshend.
Board go to the Lords
of the Cabinet Council.
Letter to Lords
proprietors of
Carolina,
with queries.*

**Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.**
*Letter to Mr. Pulteney,
establishments at
Annapolis and
Placentia.
Effective men.
Clothing.*

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New England.

Carolina.

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*Mr. Banister, Byrd
and Shirrif summoned.*

Ordered that Mr. Banister, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Shirrif [*fo.* 167, 169] be desired to attend the Board tomorrow morning.

July 15. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Carolina.
Virginia.
*Mr. Byrd about
hostilities committed
by the Indians.*

Mr. Byrd [*fo.* 166, 175, 191], one of the Council of Virginia, and lately arrived from thence, attending as he had been desired yesterday, and being asked several questions, in relation to the hostilities lately committed by the Indians on Carolina, he said, that the Yamansees and Charakees were two most powerful nations in those parts, that they with the other Indians on the back of our plantations, as far as New England, might make in number sixteen or seventeen thousand men, and that if they should jointly attack Carolina, it would be impossible to prevent their destroying that province, Charles Town being the only place fortified, the rest of that province being all open country, and the settlements dispersed at great distances, he said, that this misfortune was in a great measure owing to the Carolinians themselves, for their traders have so abused and so imposed upon the Indians in selling them goods at exorbitant prices, and receiving their peltry at very low rates, that they have been thereby very much disgusted. That the Carolinians over greedy of the profit, thus made by this trade, went so far as to pass a law in their assembly, prohibiting the Virginia traders from any commerce with these Indians, under pretence the said Indians lived within the limits of their charter, besides which they have encouraged their neighbouring Indians to make war upon one another, that they may buy the prisoners taken on each side as slaves; these they have sent to the other plantations, and particularly to New England, and there sold, who after some time having been there, have made their escape, and coming home have declared what had happened to them; this with the impositions upon them in trade, has so alienated them, that he thought it would be very difficult to make a peace with them, but especially to get them re-united in friendship with us. He added that these attempts of the Indians, had never yet happened but against proprietary governments.

In relation to Virginia, he said that they were there in no apprehension of the said Indians, they having always well treated them, besides, that the militia of that province consisted of about ten thousand men. That the whites were about one hundred thousand in all; that about two years ago they received from her late Majesty, arms and ammunition for 300 men, and tho' they were not in a condition to send them from Virginia to the assistance of Carolina, yet he hoped they should be able to defend themselves from any attempts made upon them by the said Indians without assistance from hence.

Mr. Banister.

Mr. Banister also attending [*fo.* 166] and being asked some questions upon the same subject, he said much to the same purpose, as Mr. Byrd had done, in relation to the ill treatment given by the Carolinians to the Indians and particularly to their selling the Indians taken in war, for slaves, which had like to have proved of such ill consequence to New England, by the Indians frequently

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falling upon them, that the assembly there was obliged to pass a law prohibiting the buying or selling of any Indians for slaves.

Mr. Banister [*fo.* 158, 198, 201] then presented to the Board a meml. in answer to several queries, verbally proposed to him the 6th instant.

And he further presented an essay on the trade of New England, &c. which their lordships agreed to consider at the first opportunity.

The Lord Carteret and Mr. Ashley [*fo.* 166], two of the Lords proprietors of Carolina, coming to the Board, as desired, a letter from their lordships in answer to the queries sent them yesterday, relating to the present condition of that province and relief to be sent them, was read; and their lordships entering into conference thereupon, the Lord Carteret was pleased to say in relation to the 2nd query, that the effects they had lately received from Carolina were rice, and might be disposed of for about four hundred pounds sterling, which they were willing should be applied towards paying the arms now proposed to be sent. That 1500, or even 1000 musquets, cannot be immediately furnished here, but by his Majesty's Office of Ordnance, and if the government think fit to give them credit on this occasion, their said effects will be so far a security towards the payment of them. That they are not sure of being supplied with arms and ammunition from New England and New York &c. to which places the assembly of Carolina have sent the value of 2500 pounds, as mentioned in their lordships answer to the said 2nd query, and therefore they desire credit from his Majesty, who will always have an equitable demand on the said proprietors, and have that influence over their Charter which no private person can; nor for that reason will any such persons lend money upon the said Charter. His lordship being then asked if Carolina was not already indebted to Virginia for assistance, upon a former occasion, he said it was, but he knew not exactly how much; however he did not doubt but that they should make Virginia amends, and likewise be able, after the present exigence, to repay his Majesty, and the publick, what should be now advanced. His lordship hereupon took notice that Col. Spotswood acted prudently as Govr. of Virginia in sending assistance formerly to Carolina, it being better to fight an enemy at a distance than within his own government. As to provisions the lords proprietors were of opinion there would not be occasion to send any to Carolina from hence.

In relation to the 3rd query it was observed to the said proprietors that transport ships to be sent from Carolina to fetch what men his Majty. might think fit to order for Carolina, from any of the Northern Colonies, would have too long a voyage, and come too late for the intended service. Whereupon the lord Carteret said that the proprietors did not desire any men, but if the King would send some, merchant ships might be found here to transport them, *but that the proprietors were not able at present to hire such ships themselves*, and therefore they prayed credit from the government to inable them to do it. It was then desired of them to signify what number of men would be necessary, the Lord Carteret said about 500 would be sufficient. But the said proprietors declaring that they expected the officers who should command the men to be sent from

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Indian slaves.

New England.
Memorial from
Mr. Banister.

Essay on the trade
of New England.

Carolina.
Lord Carteret and
Mr. Ashley.
Letter from Lords
proprietors.
Condition of the
province.
Answers to queries.

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hence, should be subject to the directions of their Govr. of Carolina, the Board took notice of the difficulty that would arise at his Majesty's officers submitting to the orders of any person not in immediate commission from him ; As to the subsistence of any men to be sent to Carolina, the lords proprietors declared they did not doubt but the province would maintain them for the time they should have occasion to be there.

*Supplies desired by
the Lords proprietors.*

In further answer to the fourth query the Lords proprietors desired 300 barrils of powder, 1500 musquets with bayonets, 40 Cohorn mortars with hand granadoes, and said that the demand for the present service would not amount to £5000.

*About surrender.
of the government.*

And upon the 5th query relating to their lordships surrendering the govnt. of the said province, they said they were willing to do it, for an equitable consideration and not otherwise. That they thought any particular proprietors surrendering his right, would be to advance the interest of the rest. That their lordships ancestors had been at very great expence in settling and improving this Colony, which in Customs on the product thereof had been of considerable benefit to this Kingdom, there being annually produced in Carolina, as the Lord Carteret informed the Board, 3,000 tuns of rice, one third of which is spent in the country, and the customs on the other two thirds imported here, amount to 10,000*l.* per annum, or a greater profit to this nation, if the said rice be re-exported by the returns, fifty thousand deer skins, the duties whereof are one thousand pounds, besides great quantities of pitch tar, and other naval stores. That their quit rents amounting to about 2000*l.* per annum that country money are applied to the payment of the Govrs. salary (which is 300*l.* per annum) and for maintaining the other publick officers in that govnt. That a duty is raised in Carolina of a penny per skin exported, which is applied to the maintenance of the clergy there. That in 1707 when Carolina was attacked by the French, it cost the province twenty thousand pounds, and that neither his Majesty, nor any of his predecessors had been at any charge from the first grant to defend the said province against the French or other enemies.

*Nova Scotia.
Accounts of clothing.*

Mr. Shirrif attending, as he had been desired, presented to the Board sevl. accounts of the clothing received and delivered out at Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia for that garrison and of those remaining there the 8th Octr., 1714.

*New England.
Mr. Bridger to
attend again.*

Mr. Bridger likewise attending [*fo.* 161, 180] and their lordships having not time at present to enter again into the consideration of his affairs, he was desired to attend again on Tuesday morning next.

July 16. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

*Carolina.
Mr. Kettleby,
Johnson &c.*

Mr. Kettleby, Mr. Johnson and several Carolina planters [*fo.* 199] merchants and masters of ships, lately arrived from thence attending, they represented to their lordships the extremities to which that province is now reduced, by the general insurrection of the Indians [*fo.* 167, 179] the inhabitants for the most part being driven into Charles Town, and being then asked what might have occasioned

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of Indians.*

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this defection of the Indians from the British interest, some of them said, that the want of good governmt. among the Indian traders might have given provocation. That trade being at present under no good regulation, and the laws which are made not being observed. That the Spaniards at St. Augustin, and the French at Mobil, have instigated and encouraged the Indians to fall upon us, which among other reasons they were persuaded of by one Mr. Brailsford an English gentleman being very ill used at St. Augustine. And the French having taken another one, Mr. Hughs prisoner within the charter of Carolina. It was on this occasion further observed that the French king had granted to one Monsr. Croisat, a tract of land within the British dominions of which Dr. Cox had formerly a grant from the Crown of Great Britain; being further asked if they knew not of some abuses of the Indians committed by the British subjects by raising differences among them, and afterwards purchasing Indians as slaves, they said they had formerly heard of taking Indian slaves, but not of late, and those not among the Indians our friends. That the great debts due from some of the Indians to our traders being about 50,000*l*. was one cause of their insurrection, thinking thereby to clear the said debts. And that to prevent contests with them, it would be well if the law made there against trusting of Indians were strictly put in execution. That the planters in Carolina are not above one thousand five hundred men fit to bear arms; and being now unable to reap their crops can't hold out above six months unless supplied. That their Plantations being distant from each other, the Indians come in the night and surprise them, never fighting in open field. And upon enquiry of them what force would be necessary for the defence of the province, they said that five hundred men in fifty small forts well disposed at the heads of rivers, with fifty half pay lieuts. each to have ten men under him in the said forts would effectually prevent the incursions of the Indians. Whereupon their lordships desiring to know how such forces would be maintained, or if they were willing to contribute anything towards transporting them. These gentlemen said, they could not offer any particular means, but that they hoped as subjects of Great Britain, their effects and interest in Carolina would be protected by his Majesty, and that the Parliament might be induced to make provision for that purpose. That being apprehensive they should be always in danger under the lords proprietors, who they thought had been ready to surrender the Govnt. to his Majesty, they desired to be under his Majesty's immediate protection, and wished the interest of the said lords proprietors might be reconciled to that of the publick.

*These gentlemen
desire to be under the
king's immediate
protection.*

These gentlemen being then asked in case the King should send soldiers, how they should be subsisted with provisions, they answered that for this present year, the Indians having so destroyed the country, there can be no rice planted and by consequence the country could not pretend to subsist them, for the first year after their arrival. And if it should be found necessary for the soldiers to remain more than a year, they hoped the country would then be induced to find them with provisions.

Upon the whole of this discourse, these gentlemen were directed

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*To draw up what
they have to offer in
writing.*

to draw up in writing, what they had to offer upon the forementioned several heads, and present it to the Board on Monday morning next.

July 18. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Carolina.
*Mr. Kettleby &c.
Memorial of present
state of the province.*

Mr. Kettleby [*fo.* 175, 191], with several other gentlemen of estates in Carolina, and merchants trading thither, attending, they presented to the Board a memorial relating to the present miserable condition of that province, and what is necessary to be sent for their relief, which was read ; whereupon the draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [*fo.* 160], in answer to his of the 7th instant upon this subject, was prepared and ordered to be transcribed.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

A letter from Mr. Pulteney, his Majesty's Secry. at War [*fo.* 166], dated the 16th instant, inclosing a copy of the establishments of the garrisons at Annapolis Royal and Placentia, pursuant to the letter writ him the 14th of this month, was read.

**Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.**
*Letter from Mr.
Pulteney.
Establishments of
garrisons.*

July 19. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, prepared yesterday, in answer to his of the 7th instant [*fo.* 160, 179], relating to the present miserable condition of Carolina by an insurrection of the Indians, was signed.

Carolina.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Present condition of
the province.
Indians.*

July 20. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Bridger attending [*fo.* 174, 195] and being desired to explain himself, upon his answers to some of the charges against him for misbehaviour, when surveyor of the woods on the continent of America. He said as to the 3rd charge about the taking £50 of Mr. Mico for permitting a ship to load masts without licence from the Crown, that he never had taken any money. In relation to the &c. in his answer to the 4th article, whereby he seems to point at something he could say concerning Brigadier Hunter of New York, he declared that he meant nothing by it against the said Brigadier, and only meant some small services he had done which did not deserve mentioning. Upon what is alledged in Mr. Bridger's answer before-mentioned concerning his present competitor for the employment of surveyor of the woods offering to engage for the renewal of his Commission, if he would lodge a sum of money in a goldsmiths hands, he was urged to name the person, but at first seemed unwilling to do it, tho' he afterwards said it was Mr. Smith. That no particular sum was mentioned. That he meeting Mr. Smith at a coffee house, Mr. Smith told him that for a hogshead of wine, he would put Mr. Bridger in a way to obtain his Commn. And taking the said Bridger then out, he then said to him the words abovementioned.

*Mr. Smith's offer to
engage for a sum of
money to renew
Bridger's commission.*

*Mr. Smith
explaining himself.*

Mr. Smith then being sent for, he declared to the Board, that in friendship to Mr. Bridger, he advised him, that the only way to make Col. Burges, Govr. of New England, in his interest, was to convince the said Col. Burges it was his interest, but that this advice was from himself and intirely unknown to the Govr. As to

any sum of money, or the hogshead of wine Mr. Smith said he never mentioned any to Mr. Bridger that he remembers.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope, of the 11th instant, relating to the disposal of the offices of treasurer and storekeeper at Barbadoes was read; whereupon ordered that Sir Charles Cox [*fo.* 183] who brought the said letter to the office, be desired to attend the Board at ten of the clock tomorrow morning, and Sir Robt. Davers, Col. Sharpe, Col. Walker, and Mr. Rowland Tryon at that hour on Friday morning next.

The draught of a warrant to Mr. John Roos [*fo.* 141], for preparing new seals for his Majesty's Colonies of New Hampshire, the Massachusetts Bay, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Jamaica, Barbadoes, the Leeward Islands and Bermuda, being laid before the Board, the same was agreed and signed.

July 21. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Sir Charles Cox attending [*fo.* 182, 185], as he had been desired, their lordships inquired of him, whether the offices of treasurer and store-keeper at Barbadoes mentioned in Mr. Secry. Stanhope's letter read yesterday, had been heretofore granted by the Crown; he said he did not know that they had; and he added, that the leaving the disposal of such employments to the assembly there, had occasioned most of the disputes and differences which had happened in that island; and Sir. Charles acquainting the Board that Mr. Henry Palmer and Col. Yeamans could give some information in that matter [*fo.* 186] ordered that they be desired to attend the Board at ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

The draught of a letter to Major Caulfield, Lieut. Govr. of Annapolis in Nova Scotia [*fo.* 188], was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Mills attending, and his powers of attorney, from two of the sufferers at Nevis being examined, the debentures numbered 479, and 482 were delivered to him.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse to desire he will move the Commrs. of his Majesty's Customs, for the following accts. as soon as may be, vizt.

- 1st. Account of the gross produce of the Customs inwards and outwards for 6 years, from Christmas, 1708 to Christmas, 1714.
- 2nd. Account of the subsidy outwards and inwards.
- 3rd. Account of the drawback of the subsidy.
- 4th. Account of the subsidy paid on all wines.
- 5th. Account of the drawback on all wines.
- 6th. Account of the subsidy on those plantation goods, which were kept separate from the general account.
- 7th. Account of the drawback thereon.

Ordered that Mr. Martin, Inspector General of his Majesty's Customs, be desired to attend this Board tomorrow morning.

July 22. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

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Barbados.
Letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope. Offices of treasurer and storekeeper. Sir Charles Cox, Mr Sharpe, and others summoned.

Plantations General.
Warrant for new seals.

Barbados.
Sir Charles Cox. Offices of treasurer and storekeeper.

Mr. Palmer and Colonel Yeamans summoned.

Nova Scotia.
Letter to Major Caulfield.

Leeward Islands.
Mills. Debentures.

Trade.
Letter to Mr. Carkesse for accounts of Customs.

Mr. Martin summoned.

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Barbados.
Sir Robert Davers
about
offices of treasurer
and storekeeper.

Sir Robert Davers attending [fo. 183], their lordships took again into consideration Mr. Seery. Stanhope's lre. which was read the 20th instant, relating to the offices of treasurer and store-keeper of the island of Barbados and Sir Robt. being asked how those offices used to be disposed of, he said, they had always been given annually by the assembly of that island; that the said treasurer and storekeeper had no salary but from the assembly, and if a treasurer were appointed by patent from hence, he would probably send a deputy, and such deputy might take an opportunity of going away with the publick treasure of the island. That the assembly would not pay such officers not named by themselves, and therefore he thought it would be best that the places above-mentioned should be left to be disposed of as at present.

Colonel Yeamans
and Mr. Palmer on
the same subject.

Colonel Yeamans and Mr. Henry Palmer then attending [fo. 183], as they had been desired, and being asked their opinion and what they knew concerning the said employments, they said those places were always disposed of by the assembly, who now allow the treasurer £500, and the store-keeper £200 per annum. That the assembly would think it a hardship not to have the nomination of the officers they maintain. That the excise and the other duties in the island amounted to about £20,000 per annum, and that the money raised had been some times misapplied. That in their opinion it would be better the said officers were appointed from hence, and to be accountable both here in Great Britain, and to the Council and Assembly in Barbados. These gentlemen were then desired to consider further of this matter with any other persons they should think fit, and to bring their thoughts in writing thereupon on Tuesday morning next, which they promised to do accordingly; and Mr. James Aynsworth, Mr. Thomas Stewart, and Col. Thomas Palmer [fo. 189], being named as persons well acquainted with the affairs of Barbadoes, ordered that they be desired to attend the Board at ten of the clock on Tuesday morning next.

to bring their thoughts
in writing.

Persons summoned.

Colonel Sharpe late
President and Mr.
Walker about
the said offices.

Colonel Sharpe, late President of the Council of Barbados, and Mr. Walker, both lately arrived from thence, now coming to the Board, they were inquired of as the other Gentlemen had been, relating to the said offices of treasurer and store-keeper of that Island, whereupon Col. Sharpe said, that the office of treasurer, had been a bone of contention in Barbadoes, the Govr. on the one hand endeavouring to get some of his friends named, and those who are not in the Govrs. interest struggling for theirs. That the Assembly would think it a hardship were the office disposed of by the Crown, since in that case the Assembly might think they could not call the treasurer to account. That the excise in Barbadoes amounted from 3 to 4 or £5000 per annum. And that the money appropriated for the fortifications had always been laid out by direction of, and accounted for to the Council and Assembly.

Present state of
Barbados.

Upon this occasion, Colonel Sharpe was asked concerning the present state of the Island, who said it was very much dispeopled there being at present not more than 4000 white men fit to bear arms, tho' twenty years ago the militia consisted of ten thousand men, and the negroes now at Barbadoes are about 50,000. He

was then desired to let their lordships have his thoughts in writing how that place might be better peopled, which he promised accordingly.

Mr. Walker expressed himself to the same purpose as Col. Sharpe in relation to the said offices of treasurer and store-keeper, and he further added that he was of opinion it would be a publick benefit, if all officers in Barbadoes were appointed by ye Crown. That the excise and the duty of five shillings per head on negroes amounted to 5 or £6000 per annum. That the militia were now but about 4 or 5000 and he attributed the decrease of people in Barbadoes to the barrenness of the soil there, and the war with France. Whereupon he was then likewise desired to give their lordships his thoughts in writing what method might best be used for repeopling the said Island.

The draught of a letter to Major Caulfield, Lieut. Govr. of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia [*fo.* 183], agreed yesterday was signed.

July 25. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend [*fo.* 192], dated this day, with the draught of a declaration offered to be signed by Count Konigseg, the Emperors Minister, relating to the British trade, in the Netherlands, for the opinion of the Board thereupon, was read, and the draught of an answer was accordingly prepared and ordered to be transcribed.

July 26. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

Mr. Palmer attending [*fo.* 186] with Mr. James Aynsworth, Colonel Thomas Palmer, and Mr. Thomas Stewart, as they had been desired the 22nd instant, they presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the disposing of the treasurers place in Barbadoes wherein they represented that it would be for the advantage of that Island, if the said treasurers place were disposed of by his Majesty here, which was read; and in discourse with these gentlemen, they said, that the duty of excise on strong liquors, which is appropriated to the fortifications, amounted one year with another to about six thousand pounds; and that they believed it was not laid out as it ought, for that the fortifications were not repaired, the guns out of order, and the matrosses were not regularly paid; that the accounts of the said excise were audited by a committee of the Council and Assembly, but not laid before the Assembly and they observed that the Govrs. had in effect the nomination of that committee, for they always have a great influence upon the choice of assembly men, and by consequence of the committee for auditing accounts. However that be, the Island was at present near twenty thousand pounds in debt, which they thought could not happen if the revenue was duly applied to the uses for which it was given. They added that the storekeeper passed his accounts before the Council. That if care was taken, they should have powder enough (and to spare) for the use of the Island, every ship being obliged to pay the Island one pound of powder for every ton, but a great

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Colonel Sharpe to give his thoughts in writing about repeopling the Island.

Mr. Walker's opinion concerning the said offices.

Appointing officers by the Crown. Revenue of Barbados. Militia &c.

to give his thoughts in writing.

Nova Scotia.
Letter to Major Caulfield.

Trade.
Letter from Lord Viscount Townshend. Netherlands. Count Konigsegg's Declaration. Answer.

Barbados.
Mr. Palmer and others. Memorial about treasurers place.

Duty of excise.

Fortifications unrepaired &c.

The Island in debt.

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*Decrease of white
men,
whence occasion.*

*to bring their thoughts
in writing about
peopling the Island.*

Carolina.
Virginia.
*Mr. Byrd and
Mr. Crawley.
Insurrection of
Indians in
Carolina &c.*

Trade.
*Netherlands.
Letter to Lord
Townshend.*

Trade.
*Netherlands.
Cabinet Council.
General Cadogan.*

Tariff of 1680.

*Imperial minister's
declaration.*

*Duty of
Vat Gelt.
Free brokers at
Bruges.*

deal is lavished away in unnecessary salutes, and in other occasions of mirth.

Then being asked the reason for the decrease of white men in Barbadoes ; they said that they believed it proceeded in part from the non execution of the Act for the settlement of the militia in that Island, whereby every owner of twenty acres of land was to send one white man into the foot militia of that Island, unless he serve himself, and every owner of an hundred acres to send one white man and a horse. Then these gentlemen [*fo.* 194] being desired to give their lordships in writing their thoughts of what might be proper to be done for the better and speedy peopling of the Island, they promised to do it accordingly.

Mr. Byrd attending with Mr. Crawley [*fo.* 167, 213] lately arrived from Virginia, and being asked some questions in relation to the insurrection of the Indians in Carolina, Mr. Crawley said that he believed the Yameses who consist of about three hundred men, were the occasion of the said insurrection, for that the Indian traders had very much misused them ; that he had seen the said traders frequently take from them their hogs, poultry, corn and other provisions, as they wanted it, and had only paid the Indians for it, what they thought fit, and if they offered to scruple at that, they would beat and abuse them. That he has heard they have frequently debauched the Indians wives and daughters, and that when they would not consent, they have proceeded so far as to force them. That they have made the said Indians carry their burthens, thro' the woods for little or nothing, and beat and abused them when they scrupled it. He added, that he believed the Indians now combined against Carolina, might be in number about 15,000 men.

A letter to the Lord Townshend [*fo.* 189, 194] in answer to his lordship's mentioned in yesterday's minutes, relating to our trade in the Austrian Low Countries, was signed.

Post meridiem. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Their lordships being sent for, went to a Committee of the Cabinet Council, after which General Cadogan coming to the Board, he acquainted them that the Imperial Ministers had signified the Emperor's willingness to grant to the subjects of Great Britain the real benefit of the tariff of the 21st Decr., 1680, in the Austrian Low Countries, tho' they thought the naming that tariff expressly might have ill consequences at present in those parts ; that all goods from Great Britain are understood to be upon the foot of the said tariff, except the variations made by the several ordinances, published since the battle of Ramilies, whereof an account had been formerly transmitted to the Board [Bundle N. N. 252] and as to those articles in the variation, wherein we are most aggrieved, he said the declaration offered now to be signed by Count Konigseg, would relieve us, except as to butter, which it would not be proper for us to mention, being already more favoured in that article than the Dutch ; that he had procured the duty of Vat Gelt upon our goods to be taken off, and had obtained that our merchants might have the priviledge of being free brokers in the city of Bruges.

General Cadogan being then withdrawn their lordships immediately agreed and signed another letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend [*fo.* 192], upon the subject of the forementioned declaration offered by Count Konigseg.

July 27. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

Upon further consideration of the memorial presented yesterday by Mr. Palmer, and other Barbadoes merchants. [*fo.* 190] relating to the appointment of a treasurer in that Island, a letter to Mr. Lowther upon several subjects, relating to his government, was agreed and signed.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse, Secretary to the Commrs. of his Majesty's Customs, to desire Mr. John Burgoyne, Deputy Registrar General of all trading ships [*fo.* 198] may attend this Board any morning except Saturdays and Mondays.

Ordered that circular letters be prepaid to the Governors of his Majesty's several plantations [*fo.* 204], requiring them to transmit duly, from time to time, the accounts of the revenue, arising in their respective governments, and stores of war and of the application thereof.

A memorial from Mr. Bridger [*fo.* 180, 201], relating to the qualifications necessary for a surveyor of the woods in America [*fo.* 196], was read; and ordered that the other papers in this office relating to the same subject, be laid before the Board tomorrow morning.

July 28. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

Ordered that letters be writ to Col. Burges and Mr. Dummer, to remind them of their promise to lay before the Board their thoughts in writing in relation to the bank proposed to be erected in New England [*fo.* 153, 156]; and to acquaint them that unless what they have to offer be received in a few days, their lordships will be obliged to report upon that matter without it [*fo.* 200.]

The several papers relating to the place of surveyor of the woods in America [*fo.* 195], being according to order laid before the Board, the letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope, of the 8th of April, 1715 [*fo.* 202], referring to the Board a representation from Mr. Archibald Cummings, relating to the importance of containing a Surveyor of the woods in New England was read; as likewise a reference from Mr. Secry. of the 5th of May last, on the petition of the said Cummings, for the place of Surveyor of the Woods in North America; whereupon directions were given for drawing a repn. to his Majesty relating to that matter.

A letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, dated there the 20th of May last was read.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 20th Feby., 1713, upon a representation of the then Board of Trade to her late Majesty [*P. fo.* 121], relating to the damage, which our sugar plantations suffer, and rum, sugar and molasses sent from Surinam to New England, and directing the Attorney and Sol. General to prepare the

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2nd letter to Lord
Townshend.

Barbados.
Mr. Palmer &c.
Memorial.
Treasurer's place
in Barbadoes.

Trade.
Letter to Mr. Carkesse.
Mr. Burgoyne
Registrar of trading
ships to attend.

Plantations General.
Circular letter about
accounts of revenue
and stores of war &c.

New England.
Plantations General.
Memorial from
Bridger about
qualifications of a
surveyor.

New England.
Letters to Colonel
Burges and
Mr. Dummer.
Land bank.

New England.
Plantations General.
A surveyor of the
woods &c.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Representation from
Mr. Cummings.
Reference on petition
of Mr. Cummings to be
surveyor of the woods
&c.

Representation
thereupon.

Barbados.
Letter from Mr.
Lowther.

New England.
Barbados.
Jamaica.

Leeward Islands.
Order on
representation about
sugar plantations.

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*Bill to be offered in
Parliament.***Nevis.***Proceedings of the
French.**Major Dunbar and
Mr. Buttler's
affidavit.**Letter to Sir
Nathaniel Lloyd for
answer to queries.*

draught of a bill to be filled in Parliament for prohibiting such pernicious trade was read.

Their lordships then taking into consideration an account of the proceedings of the French at Nevis, whilst they were upon that Island (communicated to the Board by General Hamilton) as also Major David Dunbar's and Mr. James Buttler's examinations upon oath relating thereto, the same were read; whereupon ordered that copies thereof be sent to Sir Nathaniel Lloyd [fo. 202] with the following queries for his answers as soon as conveniently may be vizt.

1. Whether the methods used by Monsr. D'Iberville to compel the inhabitants of Nevis to come into the second agreement do not (by the law of Nations) make the same null and void.
2. Whether the abovementioned infractions on the part of D'Iberville, of the said second agreement do make the said agreement void, and acquit the inhabitants of Nevis from any manner of obligation to perform their part.
3. Whether the persons carried out of Nevis, without their own, or the inhabitants consent, as hostages for the performance of the said agreement, would by the law of Nations be detained after the conclusion of the peace, betwixt her late Majesty, and the French king, since the carrying them off by force makes them prisoners of war.

New England.
*Mr. Banister.
State of trade of
New England
as to
species of exports
and imports.
Dead freight.*

Trade.
*Mr. Burgoyne
Register of trading
ships.
Letter to Mr.
Carkesse for
account of ships
cleared from England.*

Carolina.
*Mr. Kettleby,
Johnson &c.*

*Ill condition of
Carolina by
insurrection of
Indians.*

Mr. Banister attending [fo. 169], presented to their lordships a state of the trade of New England as it now stands in 1715, with relation to the species of the exports and imports, which was read; And Mr. Banister being asked what the dead freight might be in time of peace and war respectively, he said in peace it was about one third, and in war about one eighth part.

Mr. Burgoyne [fo. 194], Deputy Register General of all trading ships attending, their lordships had some discourse with him, and afterwards ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse [fo. 210] to move the Commrs. of his Majesty's Customs for directions to Mr. Burgoyne to lay before this Board, as soon as conveniently may be, an account of the number of ships, that have cleared from England from Christmas, 1709 to Christmas, 1714 [fo. 257] specifying from what ports they have cleared, and to what ports they went, and an account of the tunnage of the said ships, distinguishing the British from the foreign ships.

Mr. Kettleby and Mr. Johnson attending with Mr. Beresford, lately arrived from Carolina [fo. 175, 206, 254], the said Beresford acquainted the Board that the people of Carolina were at present in very bad circumstances, by reason of the Indians, they having destroyed most of the out-settlements of that province. That they have burnt and destroyed all about Edisto River, at the head of which they have appeared 400 in a body, and as great numbers in several other places. That they have so harrassed the province that all the women and children are retired into Charles Town, and the men who are not above 1400, are in arms and defending their out-plantations, as well as they can and endeavouring to keep the Indians from Charles Town. That their men are so fatigued, that unless some succour of men, arms and ammunition be sent them

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speedily, they will be obliged to desert the province, and that when he came away, they were preparing to leave the same.

July 29. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Col. Nicholson with an extract of one from Capt. Riggs, dated at New York, the 11th of June last, relating to the French practices to gain our five nations of Indians to their interest, and the ill consequences thereof to his Majesty's northern colonies of America, if such an attempt should succeed, were read; whereupon copies thereof being prepared, a letter for inclosing the same to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, was immediately signed and sent.

Colonel Byfield attending, and signifying that he is going soon for New England, for which reason he desired the dispatch of the Boards report upon the proposals for a Land Bank in that country [fo. 196], he was acquainted that the same would be done with all possible expedition.

Col. Burges, Govr. of New England likewise attending, and desiring a copy of the forementioned proposals concerning the said Bank [fo. 151], that he might be the better able to lay before the Board his opinion thereupon, pursuant to the Secrys. letter of yesterday; ordered that he have a copy thereof accordingly.

Then a memorial from Mr. Banister in answer to several queries relating to the trade of New England, and to the said Land Bank, was read [fo. 169.]

August 2. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Bridger attending [fo. 195], presented to the Board an affidavit made by him relating to his not having recd. any money or other consideration from Mr. Mico for cutting masts belonging to his Majesty, which was read; And Mr. Bridger in discourse said, That Mr. Vaughan the father of him who is appointed Lieut. Govr. of New Hampshire, is in the Council of that province, and that he and his son have several saw-mills there. That there are in the province, above one hundred, some of which are double. That at Boston there are always fifty or sixty sail of ships upon the stocks at a time. Ten at Piscatagua, and several at the other ports.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, in answer to one from him of the 8th of April last [fo. 196, 203], relating to the necessity of continuing a surveyor of his Majesty's woods in New England, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Sir Nath. Lloyd, his Majesty's Advocate General [fo. 197], delivered to their lordships his answer to several queries sent him with the Secrys. letter the 29th of last month, relating to the proceedings of the French when they invaded the island of Nevis &c. in 1706, and to the British hostages or prisoners at Martinique was read.

Ordered that the several Clerks in this office, be advanced according to their seniority; and that the four clerks, who by this means will be advanced in salary do pay to Mr. Carrol £30 per annum

New York.

Letter from Colonel Nicholson.

Extracts about influence on French on the 5 Nations of Indians.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope.

New England.

Colonel Byfield. Land bank.

Colonel Burges for copy of the proposals for the Land bank.

Memorial from Mr. Banister.

New England.

Bridger.

His affidavit about money from Mico.

Vaughan Lieutenant Governor of New Hampshire. Sawmills

Ships built at Boston.

New England.

Plantations General.

Letter to Mr.

Secretary Stanhope. Surveyor of the woods.

Nevis.

Invasion.

Sir Nathaniel Lloyd's report.

Queries hostages.

Miscellanies.

Disposition of the Clerks.

Mr. Carrol's allowance.

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allowed him by the minutes of this Board of the 20th Decr. last, and then the said clerks will be as follows vizt.

	£	
Justinian Loggan at	80	per ann.
Samuel Gellibrand at	70	„
Israel Hudson at	60	„
Anthony Sanderson at	50	„
William Gray at	50	„
William Hodsken at	40	„
Thomas Holford at	40	„

August 3. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, ordered yesterday to be transcribed, relating to the necessity of continuing a surveyor of his Majtys. Woods in New England [*fo.* 202, 204] and to Mr. Bridger the late surveyor there, was signed.

New England.
Plantations General.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Surveyor of the woods.
Bridger.
New Hampshire.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Vaughan
Lieutenant Governor.
Plantations General.
Circular letter.
Revenue.
White men.
Indians.
Stores of war.

Another letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope relating to Mr. Vaughan's being appointed Lieut. Govr. of New Hampshire and the unfitness of any person for that imployment, who is concerned in saw-mills &c. destructive of the Woods was signed.

Then the draught of a circular letter to several Govrs. of his Majesty's Plantations in America [*fo.* 195, 205], relating to the revenues raised there to the number of white men fit to bear arms, the Indians, Stores of War &c. was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

August 4. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Ordered that the Secry. of this Board, transmit to Mr. Taylour, for the information of the Lords Commrs. of his Majesty's Treasury, a copy of the letter writ yesterday, to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [*fo.* 203, 222], relating to the office of Surveyor of his Majesty's Woods on the continent of America, and particularly concerning Mr. Bridger the late Surveyor there, whose petition for that place was inclosed in Mr. Taylour's letter, mentioned in the minutes of the 14th June last [*fo.* 126.]

Plantations General.
Circular letter.
Revenue.
White men.
Indians.
Arms.

Circulars letters to several Govrs. of his Majesty's plantations in America, relating to the revenues raised there [*fo.* 204], the number of white men fit to bear arms, to the Indians, stores of war &c. were signed.

New England.
Letter from Mr.
Dummer.
Land bank.
Letter to him.

A letter from Mr. Dummer of the 1st instant, in answer to one writ him the 28th of the last month, relating to a Land Bank proposed to be erected in New England, was read; whereupon ordered that the Secry. send him a copy of the proposals relating to the said Bank, mentioned in the minutes of the 30th of June, 1715 [*fo.* 151, 211], that if he thinks fit to add to or alter what he had already written on this subject, he may do it as soon as possible, and that he be at the same time informed that he seemed very well acquainted with the said proposal, when present at the Board, and might have had a copy thereof immediately had he desired it,

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August 5. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

An order from the Committee of the House of Commons [fo. 199], dated yesterday, requiring several papers to be laid before them, relating to the present circumstances of Carolina, was read; and copies of the said papers being accordingly prepared, together with a list thereof, Mr. Molesworth was pleased to take the same to the said Committee, the list being as follows vizt.

Carolina.
*Order of committee
of House of Commons.
Papers about
circumstances of
Carolina.*

1. Extract of the minutes of the Commrs. for trade and plantations from the 8th to the 29th of July, relating to the insurrection of the Indians, in Carolina. [The dates of the said minutes being July ye 8th, 12th, 14th, 15, 16, 18, 19, 26, 28, and 29th.
2. Copy of a lre. from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of 7th July, 1715, referring to the Lords Commrs. for trade and plantations two lres. one from Col. Craven, Govr. of South Carolina, the other from Col. Spotswood Govr. of Virginia, relating to an insurrection of the Indians in Carolina.
3. Copy of a letter from the Commrs. for trade and plantations to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, inclosing the copies of the two foresaid letters.
4. Copy of a letter from Mr. Popple to Mr. Shelton, Secry. to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, desiring a Conference with the Lords Proprietors about the hostilities committed by the Indians in that province.
5. Copy of a letter from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina to the Commrs. of trade and plantations, of 8th July, 1715, relating to hostilities committed by the Indians in that province.
6. Copy of a letter from the Commrs. for trade and plantations, to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, with several queries relating to the present condition of that province and relief to be sent to them.
7. Copy of a letter from the Lords Proprietors, of the 15th July, 1715, to the Commrs. for trade and plantations in answer to the foregoing queries.
8. Memorial to the Commrs. of trade and plantations from several planters and merchants trading to Carolina, relating to the miserable condition of that province by the insurrection of the Indians, and to the relief necessary to be sent thither.
9. Copy of a letter from the Commrs. of Trade and plantations to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, upon the foregoing papers.
10. Copy of a letter from Col. Nicholson to Mr. Popple, with an extract of one from Capt. Riggs, dated at New York, the 11th of June, 1715, relating to the practices of the French upon our five nations of Indians &c.
11. Copy of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, inclosing the foregoing.

August 9. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

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Nova Scotia.**New England.***Letter from Mr.
Molyneux.**Coram's proposal.**Answer.*

A letter from Mr. Molyneux, Secry. to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, dated the 5th instant, desiring to see some reports made by the Board, relating to the proposals made by Mr. Coram and others about settling a new colony of disbanded soldiers in North America, was read; whereupon ordered that copies of the letters to the late Lord High Treasurer, of the 17th June, 1713 and 3rd of May, 1714, with the papers therein referred to, as also of the repn. to his Majesty of the 17th of March last, be accordingly sent him.

New Jersey.*Act.**Earl of Clarendon's**objections.**Letter from**Brigadier Hunter.*

Their lordships taking into consideration the Act of New Jersey passed the 16th of Febr'y., 1713, intituled *An Act to enable Thomas Gordon Esqr. Treasurer of this province to pay the sume of Nine hundred ninety-nine pounds, thirteen shillings and three pence towards the support of the Government* [Q. fo. 410]; the Earl of Clarendon's objections thereto, mentioned in the minutes of the 8th of Febr'y. last, were read, and a letter from Brigadr. Hunter, Governor of New York, and New Jersey, to the Secry., the 21st of May following [fo. 375]; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a repn. for laying the said Act before his Majesty for his royal approbation [fo. 212.]

*Representation upon
the Act.***Trade.***Letter from Mr.**Godolphin.**List of trading
vessels.*

A letter from Mr. Godolphin, Register of trading ships to Mr. Molesworth, dated the 3rd instant, upon the subject of the letter writ to Mr. Carkesse, the 28th of last month for some accounts of vessels cleared from the several ports of England, was read [fo. 198]; and Mr. Godolphin observing in his said letter, that his Patent directs him to pursue such orders as he shall receive from time to time from the Lord Treasurer, or Commrs. of the Treasury, and desiring the Board to procure him orders accordingly for laying before them the accounts he is preparing pursuant to the fore-mentioned letter to Mr. Carkesse; a letter was immediately writ to Mr. Lowndes, to move the Lords of the Treasury for their directions in this matter.

*Orders to be
procured from the
Treasury.**Letter to Mr.
Lowndes.***Miscellanies.****Trade.***Letter to Mr.**Secretary Stanhope.**Inconvenience of not
being immediately
supplied with papers
and accounts.***New England.***Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.**Land bank.**Letter to Mr.**Dummer.*

Ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [fo. 212], to represent to him the inconvenience of this Board's not being immediately supplied with copies of such papers and accounts as they shall find necessary for his Majesty's service to be communicated to them.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope, of the 6th instant, referring to the Board a scheme for a Fund of Credit in New England, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Dummer be desired to let their lordships know tomorrow morning what he has further to offer, (if anything) in relation to the Land Bank proposed to be erected in New England [fo. 205, 213.]

Trade.*Captain Paddon.
Trade in Morocco.*

August 10. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Captain Paddon, who is going with some presents from his Majesty to the Emperor of Morocco attending, [fo. 248], and their lordships having some discourse with him concerning the trade of those parts, he said, that the duties upon importation into that Empire were about 10 per cent. in specie. That great quantities of wool is pro-

duced there, and better than, or at least as good as English wool, to mix with the Spanish. That abundance of this wool is carried from Barbary to France every year. That when he was last there, he saw two or three French ships loaden with the said wool.

The draught of a Reprn. ordered yesterday to be prepared upon an Act passed in New Jersey the 16th of Feby., 1713, intituled *An Act to enable Thomas Gordon Esqr. Treasurer of this Province, to pay the sume of £999 13s. 3d. towards the support of the Government*, was signed [fo. 210, 277.]

The draught of a letter [fo. 211], ordered to be prepared to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, relating to the inconvenience of this Board's not being immediately supplied with copies of such papers and accounts as they shall find necessary for his Majesty's service to be communicated to them, being laid before the Board; ordered that it be delayed till Mr. Lowndes's answer to the letter writ him yesterday, for accounts of vessels cleared from several ports of England, be known.

Ordered that Mr. Bridger and Mr. Sheaf, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them at ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Mills attending, and his powers of attorney from several of the sufferers by the French invasion of Nevis, being examined, the five Debentures numbered as follows, were delivered to him, vizt. No. 519, 540, 542, 550, 582.

Mr. Dummer attending as desired [fo. 211, 221], he acquainted their lordships, that he expected instructions by a ship now arrived upon the coast, from the Govr. of the Massachusetts Bay, relating to the Land Bank proposed to be erected in New England; and so soon as his letters arrived, he promised to wait on their lordships again, which he hoped would be in a few days.

A letter from Mr. Crawley to Mr. Byrd [fo. 191], relating to the insurrection of the Indians in Carolina, dated the 30th of last month, was communicated to the Board and read.

August 11. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Colonel Blakiston, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Micajah Perry attending, they presented to the Board an Order of Council of the 25th of the last month [fo. 237], referring to the Board an address from the Council and Burgesses of Virginia, relating to the decrease of the revenue of two shillings per head appropriated to the support of that Government and praying that his Majesty's Revenue of quit rents arising there, may be given in aid of the former, &c. was read, and the following papers received from Mr. Byrd, relating to the said quit rents &c. were laid before the Board vizt.

Memorial concerning the quit rents of Virginia.

Copy of the Lords of the Treasury's Order for transferring concerning the surrender of Lord Colepepper.

Copy of Mr. Blathwayt's report upon Mr. Byrd's petition for the balance of his father's account.

Copy of Mr. Byrd's Petition for the balance of his father's accounts.

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Wool produced and carried to France.

New Jersey.
Representation.
Act.

Miscellanies.
Trade.
Letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope about the Boards being supplied with papers and accounts.
Delayed.

New England.
Mr. Bridger and Mr. Sheaf summoned.

Leeward Islands.
Mills.
Debentures.

New England.
Mr. Dummer.

Land bank.

Carolina.
Letter from Mr. Crawley.
Insurrection of Indians.

Virginia.
Colonel Blakiston, Byrd, Perry.
Order of Council about 2 shillings per head and quit rents.

Papers from Mr. Byrd, about quit rents &c.

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Copy of Lords Justices Warrant for allowing to William Byrd Esqr. 2955*l.* 9*s.* 8½*d.* expended upon extra occasions in Virginia, out of the quit rents there.

*Discourse about
quit rents.
2 shillings per
head.*

*Annual expense of
the government.*

Stores of war.

*Assistance to
Carolina.*

*Accounts of
revenue.*

Proprieties.
*Bill about
Charter Governments.*

After which their lordships having some discourse with these gentlemen, Mr. Byrd acquainted the Board, that the quit rents from Virginia produced annually from £1,200 to £1,500, and the duty of two shillings per head about £3,000 sterling. That the annual expence in supporting the ordinary charge of that government, was about £3,500. That since the quit rents have been accounted for to the Treasury in England, the Colony has run into debt. He added that the Colony had raised money by a duty on liquors and negroes, and built the Capitol, which is a handsom house for the Govr. with publick offices for the Civil Government which cost above £10,000, the building. Being then asked what warlike stores are kept in Virginia, for the publick service, he said that in the reign of his late Majesty King William there was £3,000 given for providing arms and stores of war. Whereof they had lately assisted Carolina with 150 muskets, ten barrils of powder, and two thousand weight of ball. And Mr. Byrd being desired to lay before the Board a particular account of the revenue of Virginia and the application thereof, as also a particular account of the expence of that Government, he promised to do it accordingly [*fo.* 217.]

Several of the members of this Board being appointed the 10th instant, by the House of Commons, to bring in a Bill for the better regulation of Charter and Proprietary Governments in America [*fo.* 217], and for the incouragement of the trade of this Kingdom, and of his Majesty's Plantations, and for the security of his Majesty's Customs; the draught of a bill for that purpose, was laid before the Board, and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

August 12. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doerninque.

Virginia.
Mr. Byrd.
Accounts of revenue.

Mr. Byrd attending [*fo.* 216], communicated to the Board several general accounts of the revenue of two shillings per head on tobacco arising in Virginia, between the 20th of Augt., 1705 and the 25th of October, 1714, whereupon their lordships ordered them to be compared with the like accounts formerly transmitted to this office.

Proprieties.
*Bill about
Charter Governments.*

Their lordships then proceeded in the consideration of the draught of a Bill for the better regulation of Charter and Proprietary Governments in America [*fo.* 216, 223], and for the incouragement of the trade of this Kingdom &c. mentioned in yesterday's minutes, and agreed the same.

August 16. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Miscellanies.
*Accounts of
incidents.*

The accounts of the incidental charges of this office, for three months, from Lady Day, 1715, to Midsummer following amounting to One hundred ninety nine pounds five shillings and nine pence, were laid before the Board vizt.

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	£	s.	d.
Account of petty expences from Lady Day, 1715, to Midsummer following amounting to	120	19	3
The Stationers Acct. for the same time amount- ing to	43	8	0
The Post Officers Acct. for the same time amount- ing to	34	18	6
	£199	5	9

Whereupon a letter transmitting the same to the Lords Commrs. of his Majtys. Treasury, desiring the payment thereof, as also of the salaries due to this office, was signed.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York, to the Secry. [fo. 220], dated the 2nd of July, 1715, relating to the Indian War and the practices of the French to debauch our five Nations, was read.

A letter from Col. Nicholson to the Secry. dated the 13th instant, was read, and the following papers therein, referred to, laid before the Board vizt.

1. Extracts of letters from persons at Boston to Capt. Mears [fo. 226], dated in July, 1715, relating to the Indians at Cape Sables, seizing our fishing vessels, and their being instigated to hostilities by the French at Cape Breton.
2. Minute of Council of the Massachusetts Bay, relating to Major Mascarene's viewing the fort at Pejeboscot.
3. Copy of a letter from Col. Nicholson to Col. Dudley, Govr. of New England, dated the 25th Decr., 1714.
4. Messrs Godet's declaration of their journey to Cape Breton, in May, 1714.
5. Peter Arcenan's Journal to Cape Gaspe, in May, 1714.
6. Copies of letters from Col. Nicholson to Col. Moody, Lieut. Govr. of Placentia.
7. Copies of letters from Col. Nicholson to Major Caulfield, Lt. Govr. of Annapolis Royal.
8. Copy of Orders given by Colonel Nicholson, Govr. to Major Caulfield, Lieut. Govr. of Annapolis Royal.

Another letter from Col. Nicholson to the Secry. dated the 16th instant, including extracts of letters from Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, and Boston in New England, relating to the practices of the French and depredations committed by the Indians, was read.

Whereupon a letter was immediately prepared and signed to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, inclosing copies of Brigadier Hunter's forementioned letter of the 2nd July last [fo. 219] of the said extracts of letters from persons at Boston to Capt. Mears, and of Col. Nicholson's letter of the 16th instant; the said letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, representing the necessity of some speedy directions for securing the Indians, and taking further measures for preserving his Majesty's Plantations.

Col. Byfield attending and desiring the dispatch of the Boards report, upon the proposals for erecting a Land Bank in New England [fo. 225], he was acquainted that their lordships stayed for what Mr. Dummer, Agent for the Massachusetts Bay, might have to offer

*Letter to the Lords
of the Treasury.*

New York.
*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter.*

Nova Scotia.
New England.
*Letter from Colonel
Nicholson.*
*Papers relating to the
French and Indians.*

*Letter from Colonel
Nicholson.*
*Extracts from
Annapolis and
Boston about French
and Indians.*

New York.
Nova Scotia.
New England.
Plantations General.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
about
securing the Indians,
and preserving the
plantations.*

New England.
Byfield.
Land bank.

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upon advices [*fo.* 213], which he said he daily expected from thence in relation to that matter.

August 17th. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter to Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Govr. of Virginia, [*fo.* 222] was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Virginia.

*Letter to Colonel
Spotswood.*

August 18. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Spotswood, Lieut. Govr. of Virginia, agreed yesterday was signed [*fo.* 221.]

Virginia.

*Letter to Colonel
Spotswood.
New York.
Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.*

The draught of a letter to Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York and New Jersey, being drawn up and now agreed, was likewise signed.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 11th instant, requiring a draught of a Commn. and instructions to be prepared for Mr. Bridger to be Surveyor General of the Woods in all the plantations on the continent of America, was read, and directions given for preparing the same accordingly [*fo.* 224, 226.]

New England.

Plantations General.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Commission and
instructions for
Bridger Surveyor of
the woods.*

New England.

*Letter from Colonel
Burgess.
Land bank.
Mr. Banister.*

A letter from Col. Burges to the Secry., together with one to this Board, relating to the Land Bank [*fo.* 156], proposed to be erected in New England, were read, and Mr. Banister attending and desiring to peruse what Col. Burges has laid before their lordships upon that subject, ordered that he have leave to peruse the said letters.

An Order from the Committee to whom the Bill for the better regulating of the Charter and proprietary governments in America is committed, dated the 17th instant, requiring the Secry. of this Board to attend the said Committee tomorrow morning with such books and papers as are in their custody, relating to the said charter and proprietary governments, was read, and directions given for looking out the said books and papers accordingly [*fo.* 217.]

Proprieties.

*Order of
committee of House
of Commons requiring
books and papers, &c.*

August 23. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope, of the 12th instant [*fo.* 238], referring to the Board several papers, relating to the settling a consul at Madera, independent on the Consul General at Lisbon, was read, together with the said papers, which are as follows vizt.

Reasons for re-uniting the Consulship of Madera to that of Lisbon.

Certificate from several merchants of Mr. Hemming's having been Consul at Madera, independent of Lisbon.

Certificate of Charles Richards, master of a brigantine, relating to his being stopt at Madera &c. without any redress being obtained from the Govr. or assistance from the Consul.

Letter from Mr. Oldmixon, to Mr. Pringle, against re-uniting the consulship of Madera with that of Lisbon.

And in relation to the fourth Article of the forementioned reasons for re-uniting the consulship of Madera to that at Lisbon ; Ordered

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Consulships at
Madera and Lisbon.
Papers relating
thereto.*

that the clerks of the Council be desired to lay before this Board tomorrow morning the proceedings said to be had before her late Majesty in Council in the year 1704, relating to the vacating the Commn. to Mr. Hemmings, Consul at Madera &c.

Mr. Charles Lodwick attending, presented to the Board a Memorial of the advices he has lately received from New York, concerning the influence of the French over our five nations of Indians, the appointment of Col. Morris, Chief Justice of that province, and to disagreements, between Brigadier Hunter, and the Council of New York, which was read ; whereupon ordered that a letter be prepared wherewith to transmit to Brigadier Hunter a Copy of the said memorial.

The Board being acquainted that Col. Byfield [fo. 220] had come again to the office to pray ther Lordships would soon make their Report upon the proposals for erecting a land-bank in New England ; ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Dummer to put him in mind of the Board's having expected what he had further to offer upon that matter since the 10th instant [fo. 213, 226] ; and let him know they can no longer delay representing to his Majesty their opinion concerning the said proposals.

August 24. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Lodwick, attending, his memorial mentioned in yesterday's minutes, relating to the influence of the French over our five Nations of Indians at New York &c. was again read ; and their lordships having some discourse with him upon that subject, he said that the lake mentioned in his memorial to be beyond the Onondage Country, was Cadaraque Lake. That our missionaries have been some of them scandalous in their character, and behaviour, and do not live after the Indian manner as the French priests do, whereby the latter have very much insinuated themselves into the friendship of the Indians.

A letter from Mr. Dummer with a memorial relating to a land bank proposed to be erected in New England was read [fo. 225, 228.]

Mr. Bridger attending, their lordships after some discourse with him relating to the office of surveyor genl. of his Majesty's Woods on the continent of America [fo. 222, 233], were pleased to direct him to lay his thoughts in writing before the Board, how his instructions for that employment might be made more effectual for the publick service, which he promised to do accordingly.

Capt. Meers likewise attending [fo. 219] communicated to the Board the original letters from Boston of the 2nd and 6th of July, 1715, whereof extracts were transmitted to this Board with Col. Nicholson's letter of the 13th and read the 16th instant. He likewise communicated to their lordships the Original Affidavit of Jethro Furbur, taken at Jamaica the 20th of April last, relating to the French Settlement and fishery at Cape Breton ; whereupon Capt. Meers being asked whether the fishery at Placentia in Newfoundland, or that at Cape Breton, began earliest ; he said, the fishery at Cape Breton ; and not only so, but that the French at Cape Breton

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*Clerks of the Council
to lay former
proceedings before the
Board.*

New York.

*Colonel Lodwick, his
memorial about
French and our
Indians.
Colonel Morris &c.*

*Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.*

New England.

Land bank.

*Letter to
Mr. Dummer.*

New York.

*Colonel Lodwick.
his memorial.
Indians.*

Missionaries.

New England.

*Letter from
Mr. Dummer.
Land bank.*

New England.

Plantations General.

*Mr. Bridger
Surveyor General of
woods.*

Instructions.

Nova Scotia.

New England.

*Captain Meers.
Original letters.
French and Indians.*

*Affidavit about
Cape Breton.*

*Fishery there and at
Newfoundland.*

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Pennsylvania.
Maryland.
Letter to Mr.
Taylor.
Papers about
surrender.

could fish the whole year round, which was impracticable at Placentia, because of the shoals of ice, which for great part of the winter are driven from the mouth of the River St. Lawrence to Newfoundland, and seldom or never upon the coast of Nova Scotia or Cape Breton.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Taylour, Secry, to the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury, to desire this Board may have copies of such papers as are in the Treasury relating to the surrender of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

New England.
Land bank.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

Jamaica.
Earl of Orkney.
Extracts of Lord
Archibald's letters
about deputy to
Mr. Congreve.

Secretary of the
Island.

August 25. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Upon consideration of the several papers before the Board, relating to a Land Bank proposed to be erected in New England [fo. 226, 229] their lordships gave directions for preparing a letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope concerning that affair.

Their lordships being acquainted that the Earl of Orkney had desired an extract of the Lord Arch. Hamilton's letter to this Board of the 26th of April last, being paragraphs H and I containing reasons for not admitting Mr. Beckford or Mr. Page to officiate as Deputy to Mr. Congreve, whom His Majesty has been pleased by Letters Patents to constitute Secry. and Clerk of the Inrolments in Jamaica ; ordered that an extract be made thereof, and sent to the Earl of Orkney and that his lordship have copies of any other papers he shall desire that have been transmitted by the Lord Archibald Hamilton.

August 26. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter, ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [fo. 228], upon the proposals for erecting a Land Bank in New England, was agreed and signed.

Ordered that Capt. Walter, whose petition relating to the Virgin Islands [fo. 231], is referred to the Board by Order in Council of the 17th of June past, be desired to attend at 10 of the Clock on Tuesday morning next.

Mr. Byrd, receiver General of Virginia [fo. 217] attending, as he had been desired, and their lordships observing to him the difference, which appeared in the ballance of the account of 2 sh. per hogshead, arising in that Colony from the 20th July, 1711, to the 25th of April, 1712, which was transmitted to the Board with Col. Spotswood's letter of the 26th of July, 1712, from the account thereof for the same time, which he communicated to this Board the 12th instant. Mr. Byrd said, that the account transmitted in 1712, was what he had been obliged to make up imperfectly to be sent by that conveyance, before he had fully accounted with the officers of some districts. He was then asked how the salary of the auditor and receiver General came to be augmented to 10 per cent. which in the account from the 20th of August to the 25th of Octr., 1705, delivered the 12th instant appeared to be no more than 7½ per cent., he said, that the same was done by Order, procured by application to the Treasury.

New England.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Land bank.
Leeward Islands.
Captain Walter
summoned.
Virgin Islands.

Virginia.
Mr. Byrd.
Observations upon his
accounts.

August 30. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminique.

General Hamilton Govr. of the Leeward Islands, attending, recommended the following persons as fit to supply the present vacancies in the respective Councils of the said Islands vizt.

For Nevis, John Choppin, Charles Bridgewater, and John Pinney Esqrs. [*fo.* 233.]

For Antegoa, Barry Tankard, Valentine Morris, Nathan Crump and John Frey Esqrs.

For Mountserratt, Daniel Ravel, William White, John Bramble, Anthony Fox and William Barzey Esqrs.

And for St. Christophers, Ralph Willet, John Helden, and John Duport Esqrs.

Whereupon directions were given for inserting their Names accordingly in the instructions now prepared for General Hamilton.

Then General Hamilton being asked some questions in relation to the Settlement of the Virgin Islands [*fo.* 250], he said that it was never thought hitherto worth while to do it, there being very little good Lands there. That these Islands are only fit for producing of Stock, as fowles, goats, &c. That Crab Island is much the best of them but it lies so near to Porto Rico. That it would be almost impossible to keep any negroes there, the passage between that and Porto Rico being fordable all but a very little space.

Then Capt. Walton being called in [*fo.* 229, 246], the Order of Council of the 17th of June, 1715, referring to the Board a Petition from the said Walton, relating to the Virgin Islands was read, and Captain Walton presented to their Lordships a paper containing a comparison of the Virgin Islands to the Leeward Islands, an account of the way of trading at the Virgin Islands, and reasons for their being made a separate government; as also another paper containing an account of what had hitherto passed in relation to this matter; upon which Mr. Walton said, that he proposed to settle on Spanish Town, in order to the doing whereof he desired to have the command of an independent company of marines of 100 men, and after some further discourse with these gentlemen, relating to the said Islands, their Lordships agreed to proceed in the consideration of this matter at the first opportunity.

Mr. Byrd attending communicated to the Board, part of some letters he had lately received from Virginia, which gave him an account of that colony's having resolved to assist the province of Carolina, with a thousand men at thirty shillings per month each man, whereof 130 men were actually embarked, and the rest were raising.

The draught of a letter to Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York &c. was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

August 31. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

The draught of instructions to General Hamilton for the Government of the Leeward Islands, being laid before the Board, with the names of persons inserted for supplying the present vacancies in the Councils of those Islands respectively as directed yesterday [*fo.* 230, 277], the same was agreed, as likewise the usual draught

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Leeward Islands.
General Hamilton.
Persons
recommended to be of
the several Councils.

Settlement of Virgin
Islands.

Captain Walton.
Order of Council.
Virgin Islands.

Comparison with the
Leeward Islands.

Account of former
proceedings.

Captain Walton's
demands.

Virginia.
Mr. Byrd.
Assistance to
Carolina.

New York.
Letter to the
Governor.

Leeward Islands.
Instructions for
General Hamilton.

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*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

**New England.
Plantations General.**
*Letter from Bridger.
Naval stores.
Commission and
instructions for him.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

New Hampshire.
State of the Council.

*Colonel Burges to
recommend persons.*

**New York.
New Jersey.**
*Letter from the
Governor.
Acts and papers
therein referred to.*

*Colonel Morris
recommended to be
Chief Justice of
New York.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

New York.
*Representation.
Mr. Clark to be of
the Council.*

New England.
*Letter from Bridger
about
seizing masts.*

of instructions to him with particular regard to the Acts of Trade and Navigation; whereupon a letter for transmitting the said draughts of instructions to Mr. Secry. Stanhope was signed.

A letter from Mr. Bridger, of the 26th instant [*fo.* 226, 236, 332], together with some proposals relating to Naval Stores, were read.

After which the draught of a commission for constituting the said Bridger Surveyor General of his Majesty's Woods on the Continent of America, was laid before the Board, agreed and ordered to be transcribed as likewise a draught of instructions for him relating to the execution of that office, and instructing the inhabitants in those parts in the manufacturing of Naval Stores; whereupon a letter was Ordered to be prepared wherewith to transmit the said draughts [*fo.* 236] of a commission and instructions to Mr. Secry. Stanhope.

Their Lordships then considering the present state of His Majesty's Council in the province of New Hampshire [*fo.* 245], and observing several vacancies therein, ordered that inquiry be made of Col. Burges, [*fo.* 242], appointed Govr. of the said province &c. whether he have any persons to recommend for supplying the said vacancies, and in case he has, to desire he will lay before this Board a list of them tomorrow morning, or as soon as he conveniently can.

A letter from Brigadr. Hunter Govr. of New York and New Jersey, dated the 25th of July last, was read [*fo.* 375], and the Acts and papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board vizt.

Four Acts passed in New York in July, 1715 [*fo.* 236.]

Copy of a paper subscribed by several inhabitants of New Jersey, signifying their refusal to pay Francis Pagit, acting as Constable, any money assessed on them by a person alledged to be a Roman Catholick.

Copy of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Salem, against several persons for refusing to obey Francis Pagit, the Constable appointed to collect the taxes laid by Act of Assembly.

Whereupon their Lordships considering the extraordinary good character, which Brigadier Hunter gives in his said letter of Lewis Morris Esqr. whom he has appointed Chief Justice of New York in the room of Roger Mompesson Esqr. deceased, and signifying his humble request, that the said Mr. Morris be not superseded in that employment, a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope upon that subject was signed.

A repn. proposing George Clarke Esqr. [*fo.* 277] Secry. of the province of New York, to be a member of His Majesty's Council there, in the room of the forementioned Mr. Mompesson, was likewise signed.

September 1. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Bridger [*fo.* 233, 326] of this day's date, proposing that as Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods on the Continent of America, he may have power to seize such masts, as he shall find cut in New England upon his arrival there, was read.

After which, the draught of a letter [*fo.* 234], ordered yesterday to be prepared, for transmitting to Mr. Secry. Stanhope the draughts of a commission and instructions for the said Bridger to be Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods on the Continent of America [*fo.* 259] was agreed and signed.

Then their Lordships entered upon the consideration of the Acts passed at New York in July, 1715 [*fo.* 234] mentioned in yesterday's minutes, and upon reading the Act intituled, *An Act for a Supply to be granted to His Majesty for supporting his Government in the province of New York, and for striking Bills of Credit for that purpose* ordered yt. and abstract be made thereof.

September 2. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A repn. upon the Order of Council [*fo.* 214] of the 25th of July last, referring to this Board, an address from the Council and Assembly of Virginia, praying that his Majesty's Revenue of Quit Rents there, may be given to supply the deficiency of that of two shillings per hogshead on tobacco, for the support of the Government of the said colony was signed.

A memorial from Col. Vetch relating to the State of the garrison at Annapolis Royal, and the fishery on the coast of Nova Scotia, was read ; whereupon a copy was ordered to be made thereof, and a letter signed for transmitting the same to Mr. Secry. Stanhope.

After which, another memorial from Francis Spelman Fort Major, and Andrew Simpson, Ensign of the forces at Annapolis to the same purpose as that beforementioned from Col. Vetch, was read ; whereupon a copy was likewise ordered to be made thereof, and sent with the said letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, to which a postscript was added on this occasion.

Their Lordships again considering Mr. Secry. Stanhope's letter of the 12th mentioned in the minutes of the 23rd of the last month [*fo.* 223, 239], relating to the settling a consul at Madera, independent on that at Lisbon, ordered that Mr. Robert Heysham, Mr. James Milner, Mr. Samuel Ball, and Mr. John Stafford be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them on that subject at ten of the clock on Tuesday morning next.

Ordered that letters be writ to Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Solicitor General for their answers to such letters as have been formerly writ them with Acts, or upon other subjects now before them, from this Board.

September 6. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A representation of several Merchants of London [*fo.* 238, 247, 249], trading to Madera, in behalf of Mr. Miles, and setting forth reasons for the British Consulship there, being independent on that at Lisbon, was read ; and Mr. Milner and Mr. Ball attending, as they had been desired, in relation to that matter, Mr. Milner declared it was his opinion that it would be most for our interest that the

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New England.
Plantations General.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Commission and
instructions to
Bridger.
New York.
Acts.

Virginia.
Representation.

2 shillings per
hogshead.
Quit rents.

Nova Scotia.
Memorial from
Colonel Vetch.
Garrison at
Annapolis.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Memorial from
Spelman and
Simpson on the
same subject.

Trade.
Consulships at
Madera and Lisbon.
Merchants summoned.

New England.
Barbadoes.
Bermuda.
Letter to Mr.
Attorney and Mr.
Solicitor General.
Acts &c.

Trade.
Consulships, Madera
Lisbon.
Representation of
merchants.
Mr. Milner and
Mr. Ball.

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British Consul at Madera, as well as in all other parts of the Portuguese Dominions, should be under the Consul General residing at Lisbon; that when his brother was Consul General, Sir Jeffry Jeffries had privately procured the leaving out Madera in Mr. Milner's Patent, and obtained Mr. Hemmings's being constituted separate consul at Madera, but that even Mr. Hemming himself applied to Mr. Milner, upon whose solicitation at Lisbon, a certain duty on wines at the Maderas, which was a grievance to the merchants, was taken off. Mr. Ball then observing, that tho' indeed Mr. Hemming was a man of a very indifferent character and of little consideration, yet the forementioned service of procuring the said duty to be taken off was done by the interest of Mr. Miles. To which Mr. Milner replied that the Consul General at Lisbon is obliged to solicit all affairs at his own expence, and that the merchants concerned at Madera having paid Mr. Milner for his trouble in that affair, was a demonstration how useless an independent consul at Madera was, and that the merchants who contributed to recompence Mr. Milner at Lisbon, shewed their opinion that he performed the service. Mr. Milner further said that till Mr. Hemming's appointment the consul at Madera had been always dependent on that at Lisbon, as was most proper, because of all appeals being determined in the last mentioned place, besides that the Consul General at Lisbon has a patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, and by virtue thereof may demand an audience of the King of Portugal himself, upon extraordinary occasions, without troubling any other British Minister there. That about the year 1706 there had been a dispute before Her late Majesty, relating to these Consulships, which he believed was not decided, but that the same had been referred to Mr. Methuen, then Her Majesty's Minister at the Court of Portugal who represented his opinion that the Consulship at Madera ought to depend on that at Lisbon, that formerly there had been a separate consul at Oporto, but that such Commn. was now broke. In regard to the interest which Mr. Pointz the present Consul General might have in this affair, Mr. Milner said that the usage he had recd. from the said Pointz would rather incline him to resentment than to promote his advantage, and as to Mr. Miles for whom the independent Consulship at Madera is solicited, he knew no fitter man, if it were for the publick service that the said office should be independent.

Mr. Ball then said it was the unanimous opinion of the most considerable merchants of London, Bristol and Leverpoole trading to Madera (where Mr. Milner is not at all concerned) that it would be for the advantage of the trade to have a person at Madera of more authority, than a Deputy Consul, and that the French had found so by experience and accordingly obtained a consul to be established for them independent on the French Consul at Lisbon, since which they have had several grievances redressed, which they could not obtain before, and Mr. Ball laid before their Lordships ye following papers, which were read vizt.

Certificate of the French Consul at Madera relating to the prejudice which the trade of the French, English and Dutch suffers by the arbitrary proceedings of the Portuguese Governors

of Madera, and the little regard had to the character of a Deputy Council.

Repn. of the merchants at Madera, praying that Mr. Miles may be confirmed Independent Consul there.

Certificate of the merchants at Madera about signing the said representation.

Certificate of several merchants of Bristol, relating to the obstructions they meet with in their trade at Madera, and representing their opinion that nothing but the authority of an Independent Consul can relieve them.

A letter from Col. Burges [*fo.* 234], of this day's date, recommending several persons to be of His Majesty's Council in New Hampshire, was read.

A letter from Mr. Newman [*fo.* 245] dated the 3rd instant, relating to Counsellors for New Hampshire, was likewise read; whereupon ordered that he have notice to attend the Board at ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

Then the following papers being laid before the Board, were read, vizt.

Memorial from Mr. Sheaf, relating to the disputes about the Title to New Hampshire, and proposing its being purchased by the Crown.

Letter from Capt. Fotherby [*fo.* 68] Commodore of the Newfoundland Convoy, dated the 30th of May, 1715, with acct. of the Fishery there for the year 1714.

An essay on the trade of New England, by Mr. Banister.

Copy of a letter from Captain Aldridge to Col. Nicholson, dated at Annapolis Royal, the 15th Janny., 1714—15.

Letter from Mr. Loggan Consul at Ostend, dated the 15th July, 1715. N.S. with a project for making that City a free-port—and concerning his being like to be discontinued in the Consulship there.

Letter from Mr. Richd. Rooke, dated at Boston, the 7th April, 1715, informing the Board of copper money being coined in Connecticut, and desiring the Board's recommending him for an employment in the Customs.

Letter from Mr. Carkesse of the 9th August, 1715, with an account of the gross produce of the Customs, Subsidy and Drawbacks &c. from Christmas, 1708, to Christmas, 1714. As also a letter from Mr. Paul, giving an explanation of the said account.

Letter from Mr. Pringle, of the 1st. Septr. 1715, by order of Mr. Secry. Stanhope, with three letters from Mr. Caleb Heathcote of New York, relating to the insurrection of Indians in Carolina—the general danger of all our plantations, and particular attempts of the French upon the 5 Nations at New York,—to Naval Stores, &c.

September 7. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiq.

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New Hampshire.
Letter from Colonel
Burges.
Counsellor's.
Letter from Mr.
Newman.
Councillors.
he to attend.

Memorial from
Sheaf.
Purchase of
New Hampshire.
Newfoundland.
Commodore Fotherby's
account of fishery.

New England.
Banister's essay on
trade.
Nova Scotia.
Letter from Aldridge.

Trade.
Letter from Consul
Loggan, Ostend.

Connecticut.
Letter from Rooke.

Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.
Account of gross
produce of Customs &c.
Letter from Mr. Paul.
Explanation.

New York.
Plantations General.
Carolina.
Letter from
Mr. Pringle.
Letters from
Mr. Heathcote.
Indians.
French attempts.
Naval stores.

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New York.
*Letter to the
 Governor.*

Trade.
*Letter to the
 Secretary of the
 Turkey Company.
 Accounts of exports.*

New Hampshire.
*Mr. Newman.
 Councillors.*

*Bridger
 on the same subject.*

New Hampshire.
Massachusetts.
*Instructions
 for Colonel Burges.
 Letter to Mr.
 Secretary Stanhope.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from Captain
 Walton.
 Virgin Islands.
 Letter to him with
 queries.*

Trade.
*Consulships, Madera,
 Lisbon.
 Letter to Mr.
 Secretary Stanhope.*

The draught of a letter lately prepared to Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York, &c. was signed.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Michael Carbonel, Secry. to the Turkey Company for an account of the Woollen Goods, Lead and Tin exported by them from this Kingdom [*fo.* 257], from Christmas, 1708 to Christmas, 1714, distinguishing each year's export of the said species from Christmas to Christmas, as also a like distinct yearly account of the Bullion exported by the said Company from Christmas, 1697 to Christmas, 1714, to be laid before this Board, as soon as conveniently may be.

Mr. Newman attending [*fo.* 242], as desired, he communicated to the Board an abstract of a letter from Saml. Penhallow and John Wentworth Esqrs. two of His Majesty's Council in New Hampshire [*fo.* 234], dated the 25th of January last, recommending Theodore Atkinson, Richd. Gerish and George Jeffry, for supplying vacancies in the said Council, which was read.

Mr. Bridger likewise attending recommended Thomas Westbrooke, and Richard Wybird as fit to supply vacancies in the said Council [*fo.* 234.]

Then their Lordships gave directions for filling up the names of the Councillors for the province of New Hampshire [*fo.* 234] in the draught of instructions prepared for Col. Burges, Govr. of the said province and having agreed the draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope for transmitting the said draughts of instructions [*fo.* 248], with those likewise to Col. Burges for the Massachusetts Bay, it was Ordered to be transcribed.

September 8. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburn, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminique.

Mr. Doeminique communicated to the Board a letter from Capt. Walton to him, of the 5th instant [*fo.* 231, 250], relating to the Virgin Islands, which was read; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to him for his answer in writing tomorrow morning to the following questions, vizt.

In case His Majesty should give him a grant of Spanish Town for a term of years, and make him Lieutenant Govr. of the Virgin Islands under the Government and direction of the Capt. General or Commander in Chief of the Leeward Islands, is he able and willing to ingage to settle Spanish Town with fifty families in 7 years, from the date of his patent.

Will he ingage to fortifye the said Island, as he proposes, and to serve as Lieut. Governor, without any charge to the Crown.

And will he oblige himself not to disturb those who are already in the possession of any lands and have cultivated or improved the same, they paying a moderate and reasonable Quit Rent.

Their Lordships further considering the reference and several papers relating to the Consulship of Madera [*fo.* 239, 250] being independent on that at Lisbon, directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope upon that subject.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse, to move the Commrs. of the Customs, that this Board may have an account of the Gold and Silver exported from this Kingdom, from Christmas, 1701, to Christmas last [*fo.* 257.]

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope transmitting to him the draughts of instructions to Col. Burges [*fo.* 246, 277], for the Govnt. of the Massachusetts Bay, and New Hampshire, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of this day's date, with a copy of instructions prepared for Capt. Paddon [*fo.* 211], who is going to the Emperor of Morocco, requiring the opinion of this Board, if there be anything further necessary to be added to them for the interest and benefit of the trade of His Majesty's subjects in the Dominions of Morocco, were laid before their Lordships, whereupon ordered that Mr. Samuel Winder, Mr. John Adams, and Mr. Valentine Norton [*fo.* 249], be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them at ten of the clock tomorrow morning, and any other gentlemen concerned in the Barbary Trade, whom they shall think proper.

September 9. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Winder and Mr. Adams, attending [*fo.* 248], as they had been desired, and being asked if they had anything to offer for the benefit or improvement of the British Trade with the Dominions of the Emperor of Morocco; they said, they could add nothing to their memorial presented some time since, upon the Treaty concluded by Captain Paddon with the Emperor of Morocco, which memorial (Trade Bundle N. 207) was again read; whereupon a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, in answer to his of yesterday, relating to the instructions prepared for Captain Paddon as plenipotentiary to the said Emperor, was signed.

A memorial from Mr. Oldmixon [*fo.* 239, 310] relating to Mr. Potter's being lately arrived from Madera, and his willingness to testify upon oath the oppressions on the British Merchants by the Portuguese Governor there, as mentioned in the memorials delivered by Mr. Ball about the necessity of having the Consulship of Madera independent from that at Lisbon, was read, after which the draught of a letter, ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [*fo.* 247], relating to the said Consulships of Lisbon and Madera, was agreed and signed.

A memorial from Captain Walton, in answer to the queries sent him yesterday, relating to the Virgin Islands [*fo.* 246, 265], was read; and a representation upon the Order of Council of 17th June last, on the petition of the said Walton concerning those Islands was signed.

Ordered that the Secry. write to General Hamilton [*fo.* 231], Governor of the Leeward Islands, signifying the desire of this Board that upon his arrival in those parts he make a particular enquiry into the State of the Virgin Islands, and report the same to their Lordships as soon as possible.

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*Letter to Mr.
Carkesse.
Accounts
of gold and silver
exported.*

**Massachusetts.
New Hampshire.**
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Col. Burges's
Instructions.
Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Instructions to
Captain Paddon.
Morocco.*

Merchants summoned.

Trade.
*Mr. Winder and
Adams.
Trade with Morocco.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

*Instructions to
Captain Paddon.*

*Memorial from Mr.
Oldmixon.
Madera and Lisbon
Consulships.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

Leeward Islands.
*Memorial from
Captain Walton.
Virgin Islands.
Representation.*

*Letter to General
Hamilton about
Virgin Islands.*

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Trade.*Orders of Council
East India accounts.*

The following Orders of Council referring to the Board several accounts of the Exports of the East India Company, were read, vizt.

An Order of Council of the 19th Decr., 1711, referring to the Board an account of the East India Company, Exports from Septr., 1710 to Septr., 1711, directing the Board to examine the same &c. and to report thereupon.

Order of Council, dated the 8th of January, 1712, referring to the Board an account of the East India Company's Exports from the 29th Septr., 1711 to the 29th Septr., 1712, directing the Board to examine and compare the same with the returns of other years, and to report thereon to her Majesty in Council.

Order of Council, of the 9th Novr., 1713, referring to the Board an acct. of the East India Company's Exports from Septr., 1712 to Septr., 1713.

Order of Council, of 22nd of Novr., 1714, transmitting to the Board an account of the exports of the East India Company, from Septr., 1713 to Septr., 1714, for the Board to compare the same with the like accounts of former years &c.

And directions were given for preparing the draught of a repn. to His Majesty upon the said accounts [fo. 252.]

Ordered in the mean time that a letter [fo. 252] be writ to the Secry. of the East India Company, to desire to be informed whether the Coin and Bullion bought in Foreign Parts, and sent to India for the Company's account, be included in the accounts beforementioned and if not, that the Company would order an account thereof for the last twelve years to be transmitted to this Board, as soon as may be.

*Representation there
upon.**Letter to the Secretary
of the East India
Company.**Bullion &c. bought
in Foreign parts and
sent to India.*

September 15. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

A letter from Mr. Woolley [fo. 251], Secry. to the East India Company, dated the 14th, in answer to one writ him the 9th instant, relating to the coin and bullion bought in Foreign Parts, and sent by the Company to the East Indies, was read, and the repn. [fo. 275] ordered at the last meeting to be prepared upon several of the said Company's accts. was signed.

A letter to the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury, for their Lordships directions to the proper officers to lay before this Board, the following accounts, relating to our home Fishery, was signed vizt.

A state of the duties upon salt [fo. 257], both foreign and domestick for 5 years past, ending at Lady Day or Midsummer last.

An account of the drawback allowed upon fish for the same time as also.

An account of the gross produce of the duty on salt, for any three years before any drawback was allowed.

A letter from Col. Spotswood Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 15th of July last, relating to the invasion of Carolina by the Indians, the assistance given to that province from Virginia, and to the want of arms in the Colony last mentioned, being read ; directions were given for preparing a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope thereupon [fo. 255.]

Trade.*Letter from Secretary
of East India
Company.
Bullion.**Representation on the
Company's accounts.**Letter to Lords of the
Treasury.
Accounts about home
fishery.***Virginia.***Letter from Colonel
Spotswood.***Carolina.***Indians.**Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

A letter from Col. Matthew, Lieut. General of the Leeward Islands, dated at St. Christophers the 5th of July last was read.

An Order of Council [*fo.* 254] of the 9th instant, upon the petition of John Dean of London, Merchant, relating to the cargo of the ship Three Sisters, seized at Antegoa, as being imported in a Foreign Bottom, was read; whereupon ordered yt. the said Mr. Dean be desired to attend the Board tomorrow morning at ten of the clock.

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Leeward Islands.
*Letter from Colonel
Matthew.
Order of Council.
Petition of Dean.
Ship 3 Sisters.*

*Mr. Dean
summoned.*

September 16. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Mr. Kettleby, Agent for Carolina [*fo.* 199], attending, presented to their Lordships a memorial from himself and several other merchants trading thither, relating to some Indian trading guns preparing to be sent to Virginia, wherewith they apprehend the Indian Enemy may be supplied and desiring that orders may be given to Colonel Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, or such other necessary means used as may prevent the same, was read; whereupon directions were given to the Secry. for writing to Col. Spotswood accordingly, that he use his endeavours to prevent the inhabitants of Virginia from furnishing arms or any kind of warlike stores to the Indians in war with any of his Majesty's Plantations.

The Board being informed that Mr. Dean was indisposed, and unable to attend their Lordships, as desired yesterday [*fo.* 253]; the Order of Council of the 9th instant, upon his petition and other papers, relating to the ship Three Sisters lost at Antegoa, and her cargo seized there, as imported on a foreign bottom, were taken into consideration and a repn. thereupon signed.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope [*fo.* 253] ordered yesterday to be prepared upon Colonel Spotswood's of the 15th July last, relating to the invasion of Carolina by the Indians, the assistance given to that province from Virginia, and the want of arms there, was signed.

**Carolina.
Virginia.**
*Mr. Kettleby &c.
Memorial about
Indian
trading guns.*

*Letter to Colonel
Spotswood.*

Leeward Islands.
*Order of Council.
Petition of Dean.*

*Ships cargo seized at
Antigua.
Representation
thereupon.*

**Virginia.
Carolina.**
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Indian insurrection.*

October 5. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cockburne, Mr. Cooke.

A letter from Colonel Dudley dated at Boston the 31st of July last, with a postscript of the 4th of August, relating to the French influence on the Indians of Nova Scotia, and their seizing several of our fishing ships &c. was read; and a letter inclosing a copy thereof to Mr. Secry. Stanhope for his information, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes of the 16th of the last month referring to the Board a memorial from Mr. Rayner relating to his salary as Attorney General of New York, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereto.

**New England.
Nova Scotia.**
*Letter from Colonel
Dudley.
Fishing ships seized.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

New York.
*Letter from
Mr. Lowndes.
Rayner.
Attorney Generals
salary.*

October 6. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cockburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Rayner, Attorney General of New York, attending, produced to the Board Her late Majesty's Licence for his being absent from that province, and presented to them a copy of His present Majesty's Warrant for his being appointed Attorney General of the said pro-

New York.
*Rayner
Attorney General's.
Licence for being absent
and new warrant.*

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*Letter to Mr. Lowndes
about
arrears of salary.*

vince ; after which the draught of an answer to Mr. Lowndes's letter mentioned in yesterday's minutes upon the said Rayner's Meml. to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to his arrears and growing salary, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

October 13. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke.

The papers undermentioned, being laid before this Board, were severally read vizt.

Trade.
*Letter from the
Secretary of Levant
Company.*

*Exports.
Letter from
Commissioners of
salt office.
State of the duties.
Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Account of gold &c.
exported.*

Trade.
*Account of ships
cleared in England.*

New York.
*Chief Justice's
warrant.*

Trade.
*Letter from Lord
Townshend.
Wych.
Herring trade.*

A letter from Mr. Carbonel Secry. to the Levant Company, dated the 21st. Sept., 1715 [*fo.* 245], with an account of ye Woollen Goods, Lead, Tin and Bullion exported by them.

A letter from the Commrs. of the Salt Office [*fo.* 253], dated the 23rd of Sept., 1715, with a state of the duties on salt for five years, ending at Lady Day, 1715 and on the Drawback on fish.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, Secry. to the Commrs. of the Customs, dated ye 27th Sept., 1715 [*fo.* 247], with an account of Gold and Silver exported from Christmas, 1701 to Christmas, 1714.

An account from the Custom House of the ships cleared from the several ports of England [*fo.* 298], from Christmas, 1709, to Christmas, 1714, with their tunage, the British and Foreign distinguished.

Copy of His Majesty's Warrant for constituting Lewis Morris Esqr. Chief Justice of New York.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend of the 12th Octr. 1715, together with the copy of one from Mr. Wych [*fo.* 130, 262] relating to the progress made with the Senate of Hamburgh, for renewing the Convention, relating to the herring trade.

October 18. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Newfoundland.
*State of affairs there.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
&c.*

*Answer to be
prepared.*

New England.
Plantations General.
*Letter from Bridger.
Instructions.*

*and about his passage
to America.*

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope dated the 13th instant, together with one from the Lords of the Admiralty, and a letter from Capt. Kempthorn Commodore at Newfoundland [*fo.* 259], relating to the state of affairs in that Island, and the Fishery there, for the Report of this Board in order to the remedying several abuses complained of, were read ; whereupon their Lordships gave some directions for preparing an answer to Mr. Secry. Stanhope.

A letter from Mr. Bridger, Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods on the Continent of America, dated yesterday, signifying that he has lately received his instructions for that employment [*fo.* 236], and that the shipping designed for New England at present being gone, he has taken his passage in the ship that is to sail first for those parts, was read.

October 20. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Newfoundland.
*State thereof &c.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, directed to be prepared the 18th in answer to his letter of the 13th instant [*fo.* 258, 267], relating to the state of Newfoundland and the Fishery there, was signed.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of the Customs, to desire an account of pot ashes and barilla imported into England from all parts, between Michaelmas, 1697 and Christmas, 1701.

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Trade.
*Letter to Inspector General.
Pot ashes and barilla imported.*

October 21. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Coburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope of the 8th instant, referring to the Board a petition from Monsr. Durepaire [*fo.* 261] praying to be put in possession of three plantations in the late French part of St. Christophers, which he claims in right of his wife, formerly the widow of Monsr. Maigne, was read, together with the said petition. And Monsr. Durepaire attending with Mr. Duport, their Lordships had some discourse with them upon this subject, wherein among other questions Mr. Durepaire being asked, whether his wife was a protestant, he answered she was, and that she lived at present in the Island of St. Thomas—that the plantations he now sues for, are very well known to the inhabitants of St. Christophers to have been possessed by his wife, but that by reason of the Wars and taking and retaking of that part of St. Christophers, he had no writing or instrument to produce of the title to the said plantations which he said were called Le Jardin, La Solovette and La Frontiere. Mr. Duport acquainted the Board that he knew Mr. Durepaire's wife had lands in St. Christophers descended to her from her father and grandfather, but that he could not tell the quantity or names of the plantations.

St. Christophers.
*Letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope.
Durepaire's petition.
Pretensions to plantations in the French part.*

*Query proposed.
Answer.*

Mr. Duport's thoughts thereon.

as likewise

These gentlemen then withdrew, and General Hamilton being called in was asked several questions relating to Monsr. Durepaire's forementioned petition [*fo.* 260], whereupon he said that he knew Mrs. Durepaire and her former husband, who was Lieut. Du Roy for the French part of St. Christophers—that she never past for a protestant in those days, but was reputed otherwise, having retired with the French each time when their part of St. Christophers was taken by the English in years 1690 and 1702, at which General Hamilton said he was present, and in the last mentioned year she went to the Island of St. Thomas, where he is informed she still resides.

General Hamilton's.

After General Hamilton was retired, their Lordships gave directions for preparing a state of the case of Mr. Durepaire [*fo.* 262], to be sent to the Attorney General for his opinion thereupon.

State of the case to be sent Attorney General.

October 25. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Attorney General with the state of the case of Monsr. Durepaire [*fo.* 261, 286], mentioned in the minutes of the 21st instant, for his opinion thereupon, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

St. Christophers.
Letter to Mr. Attorney General, with state of Mons. Durepaire's case.

October 28. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

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Trade.

*Letter from Lord
Townshend with
extracts from Mr.
Wych.*

*Herring trade with
Hamburgh.
Convention.
Mr. Smith summoned
thereupon.*

Connecticut.

*Copies of acts.
Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.
Answer.*

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, dated yesterday, with the extracts of two letters from Mr. Wych [fo. 258, 266], His Majesty's Minister at Hamburgh, relating to the Herring Trade with that City, and the opposition made by the Dutch Resident to our Convention with them relating to the importation of herrings caught before midsummer day, were read; whereupon ordered that notice be given to Mr. Smith of Glascow, [v. Infra], that the Board desire the favour of speaking with him at ten of the clock on Tuesday next, and that he would bring with him any North British Gentlemen who are acquainted with the early Fishery on the coast of North Britain.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse dated the 25th instant, desiring copies of two Acts of Connecticut for the Commrs. of His Majesty's Customs, was read; and an answer agreed and ordered to be sent.

November 1. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Trade.
*Mr. Smith about our
herring trade at
Hamburgh.*

Mr. Smith attending as he had been desired, [v. Supra], the letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend mentioned in the minutes of the 28th of the last month, with the extracts of Mr. Wych's letters inclosed relating to our Herring Trade at Hamburgh were communicated to him, and their Lordships discoursing with him upon this subject, he said that the herring caught on the western coast of Scotland in the months of May and June were better than those taken either before or after, which together with their not being to be found in so great quantities before midsummer was the occasion they bore a much higher price abroad, and incouraged the merchants to transport them sometimes by land from Glascow to Leith to ship off there with more expedition for the Sound and other foreign markets—that he had not heard these early herrings were ever refused or questioned at Stockholm or other ports in the Sound to which they were carried—that the herrings caught in the winter or the spring sooner than May were lean fish, and only the remains of the preceding year—that the Dutch were so sensible of the goodness of herrings taken in May and the beginning of June, that they formerly made frequent attempts of carrying on their Fishery sooner than midsummer day, but that the vessels and boats they employed being very numerous, and the herring not shoaling before that time, neither constantly coming at the same time yearly, nor keeping the same stations, many of the Dutch vessels had made but very unsuccessfull voyages, which induced the States General to establish a regulation whereby none of their subjects are permitted to take any herrings sooner than the 24th of June—that the true reason in his opinion why the Dutch give out that herrings caught before that time are not so good as others was to prevent our reaping that advantage in the Fishery which our situation naturally gives us, but that such suggestion ought not to be of any weight.

Mr. Smith then acquainted their Lordships that he knew of no other gentlemen of North Britain at present in town, that could give them any information relating to the said Fishery.

Leeward Islands.
*Order on representation
upon Captain
Walton's petition.*

An Order of Council of the 18th of Octr. on a repn. of this Board dated the 9th of Septr. last upon the petition of Capt. Walton [fo. 250, 273] relating to the Virgin Islands, the said Order referring

to their Lordships a further petition of Captain Walton relating to his being sent with a man of war to view the said Islands &c. was read; and their Lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration at the next opportunity.

November 4. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter to the Lords Viscount Townshend in answer to his Lordships of the 27th of the last month [*fo.* 262, 407], upon the extracts of letters from Mr. Wich, relating to the opposition of the Dutch Minister at Hamburgh, to our importing into that City such herrings as are caught before midsummer day, was agreed and signed.

November 8. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Archibald Cumming, dated at Ferryland, the 10th of the last month, relating to the state of the Fishery &c. at Newfoundland [*fo.* 259], was read; and the list of ships employed there from St. Peters to Bonavista this year, with account of fish and train made &c. referred to in the said letter was laid before the Board.

November 10. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope, dated yesterday, referring to the Board an extract of a letter from Brigadier Hunter Govr. of New York &c. relating to presents for the five nations of Indians, and about augmenting His Majesty's Forces in that province, was read.

A memorial from Mr. Champante, agent for New York, upon the same subject, was likewise read; whereupon their Lordships resolved to take that matter into further consideration the first opportunity.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter dated at New York the 21st of May, 1715 was read, and the following papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt.

A. Memorial from the Council and Assembly of New York upon the Earl of Clarendon's objections against an Act for paying the debts of that province.

C. Brigadier Hunter's speech to the General Assembly of New York the 3rd of May, 1715.

D. Copy of the Earl of Clarendon's letter to Brigadier Hunter dated the 31st July, 1710.

E. Reprn. of the General Assembly of New Jersey to Brigadier Hunter, relating to their differences with the Lord Cornbury (now Earl of Clarendon) and his Male administration.

F. Account of Male administration in the Government of New York, written by the late Chief Justice Mompesson under the Heads of Grants, Revenues, Courts of Common Law, Govrs. granting warrants in his own name and Huy and Cry.

Another letter from Brigr. Hunter, dated the 13th of August, 1715 [*fo.* 380], was read, and the list of Acts passed at New York in 1715, referred to in the said letter, was laid before the Board.

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Virgin Islands.
His further petition to be considered.

Trade.
Letter to Lord Townshend about herring trade at Hamburgh.

Newfoundland.
State of the fishery. Letter from Mr. Cumming. List of ships &c.

New York.
Letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope with extracts of one from Hunter about presents to 5 Nations &c.

Memorial from Mr. Champante on the same subject.

Letter from Brigadier Hunter.

Papers referred to.

2nd letter from him.

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3rd letter from him.

A letter from Brigr. Hunter, dated the 29th of Sept., 1715 [*fo.* 380], relating to the five nations of Indians, was read, and the following papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt.

Papers referred to.

1. First proposal of the five nations of Indians to Brigadier Hunter the 27th of Augt., 1715.

2. Proposal of the five nations of Indians to Brigadier Hunter the 27th of Augt., 1715 explained and rectified.

3. Brigadier Hunter's answer and proposals to the five nations of Indians the 29th of Augt., 1715.

4. Reply of the five nations of Indians to Brigr. Hunter, 31st Augt., 1715.

5. Propositions from a farr nation of Indians with Brigr. Hunter's answer.

D. Propositions of the five nations of Indians to the Commrs. for Indian affairs, and sent to Brigr. Hunter, relating to their being supplied with arms and ammunition to attack the Indians of Carolina.

Copy of an address from the Grand Jury of New York to Brigr. Hunter.

The case of the Brigantine Eagle of New York, condemned in the Court of Admiralty the 16th of Augt., 1715.

November 11. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Strahan who is concerned for the Forces at New York, for a copy as soon as possible of the Establishment [*fo.* 276] for the four Independent Companies there, together with an account of their whole annual charge.

New York.
Establishment.
Letter to Mr.
Strahan.

Newfoundland.
Sir Wm. Lewin and
Captain Cobb.
Complaints against
Colonel Moody &c.

Sir Wm. Lewin attending [*fo.* 16] with Captain John Cobb, Master of the Cobb Galley of London, Sir Wm. was pleased to signify, that he had formerly mentioned to their Lordships several irregular practices of Col. Moody at Newfoundland; Captain Cobb was ready and willing to give the Board a particular account thereof; whereupon their Lordships having some discourse with the Capt., he said, that he was present when Placentia was evacuated by the French—that Col. Moody contracted and sold to him 1,000 quintals of fish, which the Col. commanded from the French by several orders upon particular persons to whom he gave such Bills of Exchange as he's informed have never been yet paid—that some of those persons refused complying with the said orders, and as he has reason to believe purchased exemptions from the Col. tho' the full quantity of fish agreed for, was at last delivered to Capt. Cobb, for which the Captain gave Col. Moody good Bills of Exchange that have been punctually satisfied—that after Capt. Cobb's vessell was loaden Col. Moody desired to see the Captain's part of the contract, with intention to destroy it, and make a better bargain for himself, but was disappointed by the Captain's sending a copy to Col. Moody, which he tore in expectation it had been the original—that upon this disappointment which the Capt. let him know, Col. Moody said he would have some of the fish again and must be favourable to the French, against which Capt. Cobb making some remonstrances Col. Moody threatened to send more of his lobsters (meaning soldiers)

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on board to compel the Capt. to return some of the fish, but that was prevented by the Capt's. sailing away. Capt. Cobb was then asked, whether Col. Moody had obliged any of the English to part with their fish, he said none, and further acquainted the Board, that the foreign ships that year at Newfoundland brought chiefly Wine, Brandy, Salt &c. for account of Spaniards, but commanded by French; that there was one Capt. O'Brien an Irish Papist with the foresaid species of goods—that at St. Peters the Fishery had been very successful, two hund redand fifty quintals of fish having been taken per boat.

Their Lordships then desired Capt. Cobb to make an affidavit of the particular matters of fact, which he knew relating to Col. Moody's ill conduct, and an account of what he had heard or was credibly informed about it, and to bring a list of ships employed last season at Newfoundland, with whatever else he might have further to offer concerning the trade and Fishery there.

Letters to Mr. Secretary Stanhope and to Mr. Pulteney Secretary at War desiring copies of any letters or papers they may have received from Col. Moody or other officers or persons relating to the state of the trade and Fishery at Newfoundland, were signed.

Capt. Walton attending [fo. 265] in relation to his petition referred to the Board by the Order of Council mentioned in the minutes of the 1st instant, he produced to their Lordships Her late Majesty's Commission to him to be Capt. of foot which was dated the 15th of April, 1706 and Col. Park's Commn. to him to be Lieut. Govr. of the Virgin Leeward Islands, dated the 11th of Septr., 1707, and upon some discourse with him he said, that the forementioned commission from Her Majesty was given him in order to his supplying the first vacancy of a captain's post that should happen in Her Majesty's Forces at the Leeward Islands, that he immediately embarked here and arrived at Antegoa the 13th of July, 1706, but no such vacancy happening in the troops there, Col. Parke gave him the foresaid Commn. of Lieut. Govr. as an equivalent for the benefit intended him by Her Majesty in the Commission of Capt., and that Col. Parke promised to use his endeavours to have a salary of 200*l.* per annum settled on him the said Walton, as other Lt. Govrs. of the Leeward Islands—that after living near two years at Spanish Town, the Principal of the Virgin Islands without any provision made for him, he was advised by Col. Parke to come for England, and lay before Her Majesty the state of those Islands with his observations thereupon, which he accordingly did in the year 1710, as likewise at several times since as may appear from several papers in this office upon that subject, and that he now humbly hoped his services would be taken into consideration.

November 15. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The Secretary laid before the Board the following accounts of the incident charges of this office for the last quarter vizt.

Captain Cobb to make affidavit thereof, and to bring a list of ships employed in Newfoundland last season.

Letters to Mr. Secretary Stanhope and Mr. Pulteney or papers &c. received from Colonel Moody &c.

State of Newfoundland. Leeward Islands. Captain Walton about Virgin Islands. 2 Commissions produced.

Miscellanies.
Letter to Commissioners of the Treasury.

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Salary incidents.

Account of petty expences from midsummer 1715,
to michaelmas following amounting to .. £51 9 7
The Stationer's Account for the same time
amounting to 40 16 0
The Post Man's Account for the same time
amounting to 13 3 9
And Mr. Clark's Account for Wood and Coals
amounting to 32 19 8
whereupon a letter to the Lords Commrs. of His Majesty's Treasury
praying payment thereof, and of the salaries due to this Office was
signed.

Trade.*Order of Council.
East India exports.*

An Order of Council of the 18th of the last month referring back
to the Board the examination of an account of the Exports of the
East India Company [*fo.* 279], between Sept., 1714 and Sept.,
1715, was read.

*2nd Order on the
Boards representation
about
East India exports.*

Another Order of Council of the same date referring back to the
Board their representation of the 15th of Sept., 1715 [*fo.* 252]
relating to the East India Company's Exports, and directing their
Lordships to inquire into the occasion of the decrease in the Export-
ation of Cloth, and consider how that trade may be better regulated,
was read.

New York.*4 Independant
companies.
Establishment.
Letter from Mr.
Strahan.
Letter from Mr.
Champante
about presents for 5
Nations of Indians.*

A letter from Mr. Strahan dated yesterday with a copy of the
Establishment [*fo.* 270] for the 4 Independent Companies of Soldiers
at New York, was read.

A letter from Mr. Champante, Agent for the province of New
York, dated this day relating to the Species and quantities of things
to be sent as presents from His Majesty to the 5 nations of Indians
[*v. Infra*] in that province, according to the proposal of Brigadier
Hunter his Majesty's Govr. there, was read; and directions given
for preparing a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope thereupon.

November 17. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr.
Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope directed to be pre-
pared the 15th instant relating to presents for the five nations of
Indians [*v. supra. fo.* 278] at New York and to an augmentation of His
Majesty's Forces there, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

The following copies of five Orders of Council were severally
read vizt.

New England.*Order on
representation.
Col. Burges
instructions.*

Copy of an Order of Council of the 15th upon a repn. of the 8th
of Sept., 1715 with the draughts of instructions to Col. Burges
[*fo.* 248] for the Governments of the Massachusetts Bay and New
Hampshire.

Leeward Islands.*General Hamiltons
instructions.
2nd Order on
representation.*

Copy of an Order of Council of the 9th Sept. upon a repn. of
the 31st of Aug., 1715 with the draughts of General Hamiltons
instructions [*fo.* 233] for the Govnt. of the Leeward Islands.

New Jersey.*3rd Order on
representation.
Act about Gordon.*

Copy of an Order of Council of the 31st of Aug., 1715 upon a
repn. of the 10th of the same month for confirming *An Act* of New
Jersey [*fo.* 212] to enable Thomas Gordon Esqre. Treasurer of that
province to pay the sum of £999 13s. 3d. &c.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 9th of Sept. upon a repn. of the 31st of Augt., 1715 [*fo.* 235], proposing Mr. Clark to be of the Council of New York.

Copy of an Order of Council of ye 31st of Augt., 1715, upon a repn. of the 6th of July [*fo.* 158] for repealing *An Act of Virginia declaring who shall not bear office in that Colony.*

A letter from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Govr. of Virginia dated the 9th of Augt., 1715, was read; and his speech to the Assembly of that Colony referred to in the said letter was laid before the Board.

November 18. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiqne.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope ordered yesterday to be transcribed [*fo.* 276, 381], relating to presents for the five nations of Indians at New York, and to an augmentation of His Majesty's forces there, was signed.

November 22. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiqne.

An Order of Council of the 18th of the last month [*fo.* 280, 305], referring to the Board a report from the Lords of the Admiralty relating to some naval assistance desired of His Majesty by the Royal African Company, was read; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Perry their Secry., desiring him to acquaint them that their Lordships would be glad of speaking with any members of the said Company at ten of the clock on Thursday morning next. Further ordered that Mr. Robert Heysham, Mr. Humphrey Morris and Mr. Richd. Harris [*fo.* 282] be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them or any other gentlemen they shall think fit to bring with them at ten of the clock on Friday morning next, upon the same subject.

Upon further consideration of the Order of Council of the 18th October [*fo.* 275] mentioned in the minutes of the 15th instant relating to the trade to the East Indies and the decrease of the Exports of Cloth, ordered that Mr. Isaac Leoffs [*fo.* 285] be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him at ten of the clock on Tuesday morning next, and one or two Blackwell Hall Factors of each Hall relating to the increase or decrease of our Woollen Trade.

An Act passed in Antigua the 3rd of March, 1714, to enable Baptist Looby of the said Island Esqr. and Margaret his Wife, Guardians of the body and estate of Anne Hathorne an enfant &c. to sell and dispose of the lands therein mentioned was read; whereupon ordered that the same be sent to Mr. Attorney General [*fo.* 286] for his opinion upon it in point of law, as soon as conveniently he can.

November 24. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiqne.

Mr. Blake, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Elliot and Mr. Gohier, members of the Royal African Company, attending with Mr. Perry Secretary of the said Company, they were asked several questions relating to the necessity or use of the naval assistance, which they desire of His

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New York.
4th Order on
representation.
New Councillor.

Virginia.
5th Order on
representation.
Act about bearing
offices.
Letter from Colonel
Spotswood.
His speech to the
Assembly.

New York.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Presents for the 5
Nations &c.

Trade.
Order of Council
on the
Admiralty report
about
Naval assistance
desired by the African
Company.
Members thereof &c.
summoned.

Trade.
Order of Council
about
decrease of East
India exports of
cloth.
Persons summoned.
thereupon.

Antigua.
Act about Anne
Hathorn.

Sent to the Attorney
General.

Trade.
Members of the
African Company &c.
attending on the
Naval assistance
desired by them.

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*Order of Council on
the Admiralty report.*

Majesty on the coast of Africa, as mentioned in the Order of Council of the 18th of October [*fo.* 278] on a report from the Lords of the Admiralty, read the 22nd instant; whereupon they said they had the same occasion at present for a man of war as before the Peace, for that their trade was in great danger from the natives of Africa, as likewise from French and Dutch rivals, the French having two Settlements in the mouth of the River Gambia, and claiming the sole right to trade in that River, where they had lately seized two interlopers' ships; that the Dutch have had a mighty difference with His Majesty's subjects at Wida which inconveniences might be prevented for the future by the countenance of one man of war at least, tho' two may be necessary, and they presented to their Lordships the abstracts of several letters received from their Factors relating to the damages and insults that trade has lately sustained; that they did not desire to make use of His Majesty's ships against any other than their foreign rivals, and hoped that as the Government had allowed them ships for their protection and encouragement in time of war, the Company might have the same indulgence, whilst their trade continued in equal danger.

*Abstracts of letters
about damages
sustained by the
trade.*

Memorial desired.

Their Lordships then desired these gentlemen would prepare and bring to the Board a memorial in writing [*fo.* 295] setting forth the necessity and use of the ship they desire and what instructions they propose for the commander, and likewise to add a state of the trade to Africa in general, as it is now carried on; which they accordingly promised.

*Letter to Mr.
Burchet for account
of ships of war,
formerly attending
the African coast &c.*

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Burchet, Secry. to the Rt. Honble. the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty to desire of their Lordships, that this Board may have an account of what ships of war have been appointed from time to time since 1690 [*fo.* 305], to attend on the coast of Africa both in war and peace, with copies of the usual instructions given them in relation to that trade.

*Separate traders
queried on
African trade.*

Mr. Heysham, Mr. Morris, Mr. Harris &c. [*fo.* 279] who are concerned in the separate trade to Africa, and had been desired to come to the Board tomorrow, attending now, were asked several questions relating to the trade to those parts, whereupon they said; that in time of peace there is no occasion for ships of war, nor have they heard of insults or disturbances given His Majesty's subjects by any foreign nation, tho' they have ships lately arrived, particularly one in July last, by which they had an account, that when the master was on the coast of Africa, there were 12 ships at the same time trading there; that one Capt. Cooke, Commander of a company's ship, had assaulted one of the separate traders; that the Prussians are very useful to us in their settlements, protecting all our ships as Free Ports, and an instance was given of a Govr. at a Danish Settlement having taken great care of an English vessell driven thither in distress, which he faithfully disposed of and remitted the value—that the greatest insults committed are by the Company's Factors—that the French indeed have taken a ship for trading as alledged within the French Limits, but have not otherwise extended their pretentions—that they (the French) have a settlement at the Island Goree and by combination with the king of Portadally draw ignorant people in, and piratically commit depre-

dations, the French commonly taking the ships, and the King the goods, (as was the case of the ship *Neptune*, during the last Peace); that these irregularities are of a national concern, and ought to be redressed by the Court of France, from whence if any favourable orders should be obtained, they would be of little use, since the French Senegal Company are worth little or nothing—that what injuries are done by the natives of Africa, cannot be prevented by a man of war, nor did these gentlemen think there was occasion for any, except it were to carry some stores, provisions, or other effects, our Company are sending to their Forts and Settlements, which it is believed, is the sole use for a ship of war, tho' other reasons are pretended.

Their Lordships then desired these gentlemen to give them the best account they can in writing of the present state of the African trade [fo. 302], or what they might have to offer relating thereto, which they accordingly promised.

And the Bahama Islands being mentioned in discourse, Mr. Heysham and the other gentlemen represented the great advantage it would be to the trade of this kingdom, if those Islands were settled, particularly Providence; whereupon they named Mr. Boon, one Mr. Hawkins, of the Tower, and Capt. Buttler, Commander of a man of war, as persons able to give their Lordships the best information concerning them.

Ordered that inquiry be made of Mr. Burchet [fo. 285], whether Commodore Kempthorn be returned from Newfoundland, and if not, whether he be ordered directly home, or whether the Lords of the Admiralty have received any further account from him since what was sent by their Lordships to Mr. Secry. Stanhope the 12th of the last month.

November 29. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Two letters from Mr. Burchet [fo. 284], Secry. to the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty, dated the 24th and 28th instant, relating to advices from the Commodore and others at Newfdland., and to Mr. Gaudy [fo. 286] who has surveyed those parts, as also concerning Captain Mayne, who is lately arrived from Newfoundland, and the Isle of May, were read; and an answer agreed and ordered to be sent.

The Secretary acquainting the Board, that Mr. Isaac Leoffs [fo. 279, 291] had been with him, to acquaint their Lordships that the Blackwell Hall Factors who were desired to attend this day in relation to our Woollen Cloth Trade could not possibly do it before Friday next; ordered that letters be writ to Mr. Brooksbank and Mr. Diston to desire them to attend with Mr. Leoffs at that time.

Mr. Gaudy, the person mentioned in the first of Mr. Burchet's foresaid letters to be lately arrived from Newfoundland, attending, he shewed their Lordships the draughts [fo. 285, 329] he had made of the coast and several harbours there; and being asked some questions in relation to Col. Moody, Lieut. Govr. of Placentia, he said Col. Moody had let two fishing rooms the one for £25, and the other for £30, which he had purchased of the French,

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*Present state of the
African trade
desired in writing.*

Bahama Islands.
*Advantage of settling
them represented.*

*Persons able to give
a further
account thereof.*

Newfoundland.
*Inquiry to be made
of Mr. Burchet after
Commodore
Kempthorn.*

Newfoundland.
*2 letters from Mr.
Burchet.
Advices from the
Commodore &c.
Mr. Gaudy.
Captain Maine.*

Trade.
Woollen.

*Blackwell Hall
Factors to attend on
Friday.
Mr. Brooksbank and
Diston summoned.*

Newfoundland.
*Mr. Gaudy with
draughts of the
coast and harbours
there.
Queried about Colonel
Moody.*

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*Letter to Mr. Burchet.**Abovesaid draughts
to be printed.***Antigua.***Attorney Generals
report on an Act.**Representation
confirming thereof.***St. Christophers.***Mr. Attorney
Generals report on
state of Mr.
Durepaires case.**Letter to him touch-
ing his naturalization.*

Mr. Gaudy being withdrawn, a letter was writ to Mr. Burchet [fo. 296] by their Lordships order, acquainting him that they think it would be of good service to the publick if the said dts. were printed so as to be dispersed before the next fishing season.

Mr. Attorney Genls. Report [fo. 279, 287] upon the Act passed at Antigua the 3rd of March, 1714, *to inable Baptist Looby of the said Island Esqr. &c. to sell and dispose of lands &c.* sent him the 23rd instant, was read; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a repn. to His Majesty in order to the confirmation thereof.

Mr. Attorney General's Report [fo. 262, 287] upon the case of Mons. Durepaire sent him ye 25th of the last month, relating to some lands claimed by the said Durepaire in the late French part of St. Christophers was likewise read; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mons. Durepaire to know whether himself or wife have been naturalized or endenized; and if they have, to desire he will bring with him to morrow morning the Instrument of Naturalization or endenization.

November 30. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Antigua.
*Representation on an
Act.*

A representation [fo. 286, 323], ordered yesterday to be prepared for approving *An Act* passed in Antigua the 3rd of March, 1714, *to inable Baptist Looby of the said Island, Esqr. &c. to sell and dispose of lands &c.* was signed.

St. Christophers.
*Memorial from
Monsieur Durepaire.
His pretentions to
land in French part.*

A memorial from Mons. Durepaire [fo. 286, 290], relating to some lands claimed by him in right of his wife in the late French part of St. Christophers, was read, and Mr. Durepaire being asked whether himself or wife had been naturalized or endenized, he said they had not; whereupon directions were given for preparing an answer to Mr. Secretary Stanhope's letter mentioned in the minutes of the 21st of the last month upon that subject.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.***Newfoundland.**
*Captain Mayne in
relation to the Isle
of May.
Salt.*

Captain Mayne attending, and their Lordships having some discourse with him concerning the Isle of May [fo. 334] from whence he lately arrived, he said that whereas there did not formerly use to be above five or ten vessels at a time loading salt at that Island, there had this year been above 120, imployed in that trade, without any molestation, of all which vessels he communicated to their Lordships a list, and further said that there had been 22 other ships loading salt at the adjacent Island of Bonavista, being of about 200 tuns one with another—that the property of the Island is Portugueze, being inhabited only by free negroes, but by King Charles the Second's marriage Treaty, the sole right of gathering salt there was granted to the English, and is now enjoyed by His Majesty's subjects—that some French called there, and had only as much salt as was necessary for the use of their ships—but some Dutche would have loaded salt had he not prevented them—that the salt we get at the Isle of May, was first designed for our Fishery at Newfoundland and other parts of America, but that by dividing the salt lakes which are on a flat sandy ground, the quantity of salt, which is or might be made, would suffice most part of the World, and we accordingly carry great quantities to many places in Europe

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—that there have arisen some irregularities by the first of our ships possessing themselves of more ground on the Island than they can imploy (as the fishing ships at Newfoundland) for which he had proposed some remedies to the Lords of the Admiralty and communicated to the Board a copy thereof.

The Captain being then asked if he knew any thing of this years fishery at Newfoundland, he said, he had advice from St. Johns that fish there were very scarce, and tho' at 30 rials per quintals, it was thought would fall to 24 for want of ships to carry it off.

An Order of Council [fo. 297] of the 31st of August, 1715, upon a certificate or representation of the Lords Proprietors of the Bahama Islands, approving Roger Mostyn Esqr. for Govr. of those Islands, and referring the said repn. to be considered by this Board, who are to report what may be further necessary to be done thereupon was read; whereupon ordered that the several papers in this office relating to the Bahama Islands be laid before the Board.

*Captain Mayne
queried
about this years
fishery.*

Bahama Islands.
*Order of Council
on Lord Proprietors
representation.
New Governor.*

December 1. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminique.

The draught of a letter ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Secry. Stanhope in answer to his of the 8th of October last [fo. 287, 296] upon the petition of Mr. Durepaire, relating to some lands claimed by him in the late French part of St. Christophers, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

St. Christophers.
*Letter to Mr. Secry.
Stanhope.
Mr. Durepaire's
petition.*

Mr. Champante, Agent for New York attending, presented to their Lordships a memorial desiring that the Acts of that province, not yet approved may be taken into consideration, particularly an Act past in July, 1715 [fo. 297], *declaring that all persons of foreign birth &c. shall be for ever hereafter deemed to have been naturalized &c.* which was read; whereupon their Lordships resolved to take the said Act into consideration at the first opportunity.

New York.
*Acts to be considered.
Memorial from
Mr. Champante.*

December 2. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

The undermentioned Factors of Blackwell Hall, attending, as desired vizt. Mr. Diston, Mr. Leoffs, Mr. Brooksbank, and Mr. Levy Ball [fo. 285] their Lordships had some discourse with them concerning the present state of our Woollen Manufacture, particularly the decrease in our exportation of Cloth; whereupon Mr. Diston said that the Woollen Trade had very much failed, and at present was in no wise what it had been formerly—that this present year it was extremely decreased, and where merchants have been adventurous to push a trade, as some were led to do by an imagination that this time of peace would advance our commerce, the goods lie upon their hands—that the manufacture of mixed cloths had been in a gradual decay for near 20 years, the time of the greatest demand and making up of cloths being the year when guineas passed in England for 30 shillings, which occasioned a false trade, whereby the publick got but little—that some of the reasons of this decay were the badness of goods, the Woollen Manufacture being not under such rules as might be a great advantage to it, by an Incorpora-

Trade.
*Blackwell Hall
Factors about present
state of our woollen
manufacture.
Decrease of exports.*

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tion of Clothiers, and that our Wool Staplers who try the wool, are a prejudice to the manufacture, tho' the Parliament have been always against any regulations therein—that in the west of England, there have been as bad cloths made up this year, as at any time whatever, the workmen concerned in that manufacture being very much debauched by Sir Wm. Wyndham, and others distributing money among them to influence them to rebel against the Government, which money was generally spent in strong liquor, and their labour neglected; but this reason Mr. Diston only mentioned by the by, as an eventual occasion of prejudice to the Woollen Trade—that the great charges of dying wares and difficulties now for want of cochineal have occasioned our suffering in this trade—that another reason of the decay of our woollen manufacture was the French having advanced in theirs; and the only way to regain it from them, was to lessen the price of our wool, and so undersell them.

Mr. Leoffs who deals chiefly with Gloucestershire, acquainted their Lordships, that the manufactures of coarse woollen cloths, had decayed $\frac{1}{3}$ within these two or three years, and is still declining, which he attributed partly to the want of the Turkey trade for one sort of cloth, which the merchants used to have, and he referred himself to such persons as trade thither for an account thereof, but in the mean time he observed that the French had of late bought with ready money in Turkey great quantities of raw silk, the chief return for our cloths &c.—and he further said that our trade to Hamburgh, was in a manner lost, by means as he believed of the increase of the Woollen Manufacture in Germany.

Mr. Brooksbank being asked concerning our exportation of cloths called douzens to Portugal, he said, that trade was diminished to less than a fifth of what it had been formerly—and as to the occasions of the general decay of our Woollen Trade, he and the other gentlemen referred themselves for a particular account to the several merchants concerned therein, Mr. Brooksbank taking notice only that the several parts of the World having been so harrassed of late by wars, the want of money may have lessened trade in most places—and that for retrieving or advancing our Woollen Manufacture, an Incorporation of Clothiers, as above mentioned; would be of great advantage, and prevent unskilfull persons being employed therein.

Mr. Ball then took notice to their Lordships, that our trade to Russia with woollen goods had likewise among others, very much fallen off within these 3 or 4 years—that as for his particular trade he did not find the want of money had occasioned its decrease; that cloth is now as cheap as ever by reason of so little demand of it, but he said there was want of incouragement to import Irish yarn into this Kingdom, which is the occasion so much wool is carried from Ireland to foreign parts.

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Upon the whole these gentlemen were desired to meet and consult with the merchants chiefly concerned in the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom, and after deliberation together, that they would bring to the Board with all convenient speed, a memorial of the decrease of that trade with the particulars thereof, as likewise what they can propose for remedying the same, which they promised accordingly.

*Memorial about the
decrease of our
woollen trade
promised.*

Mr. Blake, and other members of the Royal African Company, attending, presented to the Board a memorial [fo. 281] relating to the ill state of their trade, and reasons for desiring the assistance of a man of war, which was read; and their Lordships resolved to take the same again into consideration as soon as possible.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, ordered yesterday to be transcribed, in answer to his of the 8th of Octr. last, upon the petition of Mons. Durepaire [fo. 290], relating to some lands claimed by him in the late French part of St. Christophers, was signed.

Directions were then given to the Secry. for writing to the Mayors of Bristol, Byddeford, Barnstable, Exeter, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Weymouth, Poole and Foway [fo. 312], to desire them to summon and consult with the merchants of those places respectively, and others concerned in the trade of Newfoundland, and to let their Lordships know whether that trade labours under any, and what difficulties, with their proposals for remedy thereof, if any such there be.

December 6. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

A letter from Mr. Burchet of ye 2nd instant [fo. 286, 314] (upon that writ him the 29th of the last month) signifying that the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty have given orders for the printing of Mr. Gaudy's draughts of the coast and harbours of Newfoundland, and for his being rewarded for the pains he has taken therein, was read.

Their Lordships then took into consideration the Act past at New York the 5th of July, 1715 [fo. 291], *declaring that all persons of foreign birth heretofore inhabiting within that Colony and dying seized of any lands, tenements and hereditaments, shall be for ever hereafter deemed taken and esteemed to have been naturalized, and for naturalizing all protestants of foreign birth, now inhabiting within that Colony;* whereupon ordered that the same be sent to Mr. Attorney General [fo. 375] for his opinion thereupon in point of law, as soon as conveniently he can.

The Order of Council of ye 31st of August last [fo. 289], relating to Mr. Mostyns being appointed Govr. of the Bahama Islands, as mentioned in the minutes of the 30th of the last month, was again read and considered; and their Lordships resolved to proceed in the further consideration thereof to morrow morning, as likewise of the several other papers before the Board relating to those Islands.

December 7. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

An Order of Council of the 17th of June last, referring to the Board the petition of Mr. Graves, relating to the distressed condition of the Bahama Islands [fo. 299], was read, as likewise a memorial from the said Graves about fortifications, stores of war, and other necessaries wanted there, together with two estimates of the charge thereof: whereupon their Lordships after considering the forementioned papers and others concerning the said Islands, gave

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African Company's memorial about ill state of their trade &c.

St. Christophers.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope on

Monsieur Durepaire's petition.

Newfoundland.

Trade. Letters to the Mayors of the out ports.

Newfoundland.

Letter from Mr.

Burchet.

Mr. Gaudy's draughts of the coasts &c. to be printed.

New York.

Act considered

and

sent to the Attorney General.

Bahama Islands.

Order of Council.

Mr. Mostyn Governor.

Bahama Islands.

Order of Council.

Mr. Graves petition and memorial about distressed condition of Bahama Islands and necessaries wanted there.

Estimates of the charge.

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Representation to be prepared.

directions for preparing a repn. to His Majesty of their present state, and in answer to the Order of Council mentioned in yesterday's minutes for approving Mr. Mostyn nominated by the Lords Proprietors to be Govr. of the same.

December 9. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Bahama Islands.
Present state thereof.
Representation.
New Governor.

The draught of a repn. ordered to be prepared the 7th instant, relating to the present state of the Bahama Islands [*fo.* 298, v. *Infra*], and the appointing a Govr. thereof, was read; and their Lordships made a progress in considering the same.

December 13. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Bahama Islands.
Present state.
Representation.
New Governor.

The draught of a repn. [*v. Supra* 300], mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting relating to the present state of the Bahama Islands, and the appointing a Governor, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

December 14. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Bahama Islands.
Present state &c.
Representation.

The draught of a repn. agreed yesterday, relating to the present state of the Bahama Islands [*fo.* 299] and the appointing a Govr. thereof, was signed.

New York.
Letter from Mr.
Lowndes about
Mr. Byerly
collector &c.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes of the 19th of the last month, desiring that the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury may know if this Board have any objection against Mr. Byerly's being continued Collector and Receiver of the Customs &c. at New York according to the prayer of his inclosed petition, was read, and the draught of an answer agreed and ordered to be sent.

Answer.

Barbadoes.
Mr. Attorney Generals
report on an Act.

Mr. Attorney Generals Report upon an Act passed in Barbadoes the 15th of Febr'y., 1708, *to dock the intail of Mount Lucie Plantation, and other the estate in that Island of John Lucie Blackman Esqr. &c.*, was read, and directions given for preparing a repn. (*v. Infra*) wherewith to lay the said Act before His Majesty, for His royal approbation.

Representation.

Leeward Islands.
Order of Council
on
General Hamilton's
hearing.

The copy of an order of Council of the 8th of the last month upon a hearing of the complaints and informations against General Hamilton, Govr. of the Leeward Islands was read.

December 15. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Barbadoes.
Act
Representation.

The draught of a repn. [*v. Supra fo.* 431], ordered yesterday to be prepared upon an Act past in Barbadoes the 15th of Febr'y., 1708, *to dock the intail of Mount Lucie Plantation and other the estate in that Island of John Lucie Blackman, Esqr. &c.*, was signed.

Trade.
Letter and Memorial
from Mr. Harris about
British trade in Africa
affected by foreigners,
and reason of the
Company's desiring
a man of war.

A letter from Mr. Harris [*fo.* 284] of the 7th instant, together with a memorial in behalf of himself and other separate traders to Africa representing how far the British Trade on that coast is affected by foreigners. and the reason of the Company's desiring a man of war, were read; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Harris to desire him to consult the other gentlemen concerned

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*Letter to Mr. Harris
with a query.*

and let their Lordships have their opinion in writing between ten and eleven of the clock to morrow morning whether, if any of the King's ships were sent to the coast of Africa with instructions to the Captains to protect the British trade in general, it would be any advantage to that Trade, as it is now carried on. And further ordered that notice be given of the Boards desire to speak with Mr. Harris [*fo.* 303], or any other of the said gentlemen at the same time.

December 16. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Harris [*fo.* 302] of this days date to the Secretary in answer to that writ him yesterday, relating to the sending any of His Majesty's ships to the coast of Africa, was read; and Mr. Harris attending at the same time, their Lordships had some discourse with him upon that subject, wherein he acquainted the Board that in case any of His Majesty's ships should be sent thither, the best station for them would be the Gold Coast, the country and climate at, and near the River Gambia, being very sickly and unwholesome, and the worm destroying ships there, so that the merchants care not to venture them long there, and this he said he knew from his own experience, having formerly sent vessels of his own to that River under the care of Mr. Forty, with whom the inhabitants came down to trade, as they would do to the very sea coast, if commanders of ships declined going up the River.—It being then observed to Mr. Harris that there were allegations in behalf of the Royal African Company, that few or none of the separate traders, carried on any commerce up the said River Gambia, and that the assistance of a ship of war was necessary to preserve the interests of the Company there, which had been prejudiced by the French and others, he said—that the separate traders to Africa had now 14 ships at that River, and that on the other hand the Company had not sent a ship thither these 3 years—that the letting of the French in there by agreement with our Company had been a great damage to the trade—that in the last Peace there had been a ship seized by the French in collusion with the natives of Africa, and another now, being both private ships—that there are no pirates, which he has heard of, that might occasion His Majesty's sending a ship of war to those parts, but he added that such a ship to have its station at a distance from Gambia for the reasons abovementioned with a commander instructed to protect the commerce in general, and not trade himself, might be of advantage, but not necessary in time of Peace, the French nor any other nation, ever sending ships of war thither, but in time of War.

Mr. Harris was then asked his opinion how the trade to Africa might be improved and best carried on, whereupon he said, he thought it could not be enlarged beyond what it is, but that it might be much better carried on, if it were under a regulation, as the Turkey Company.

Mr. Harris being withdrawn, the letter from Mr. Burchet of the 30th of the last month, was read, and the list of ships therein referred to, which have been appointed to attend on the coast of Africa since the year 1690 with copies of their instructions [*fo.* 281] were laid

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Harris about
sending men of war
to Africa,
his thoughts
thereupon.*

*Letter from Mr.
Burchet with
list of ships sent
formerly to Africa
&c. produced.*

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Draught of representation on naval assistance desired by African Company.

before the Board, and directions were given for preparing the draught of a repn. upon the Order in Council [*fo.* 278, 306] mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd of the last month, relating to some naval assistance desired by the Royal African Company.

December 20. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Trade.
*Representation.
African Company.
Naval assistance.*

The draught of a repn. directed at the last meeting to be prepared upon the Order in Council [*fo.* 305] mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd of the last month, relating to some naval assistance desired by the Royal African Company, was agreed and signed.

Carolina.
*Advices about posture
of affairs there.*

Colonel Johnson and Mr. Beresford attending, communicated to the Board some advices they had lately received by letters dated from Carolina the 19th of July and the 25th of August last relating to the posture of affairs in that province with regard to the Indian War &c. which was read; whereupon directions were given for taking a copy of the last mentioned letter and extracts of such parts of the former as relate to the publick.

Indian war.

Copy to be made.

Trade.
*Letters to Governors
of Companies about
woollen manufacture.*

Ordered that letters be writ to Sir John Ward Govr. of the Ham-
burgh Company, Sir Benjamin Ayloffe Govr. of the Muscovia Com-
pany and to the Deputy Govr. of the Turkey Company [*fo.* 313,
328, 329] to desire from them respectively an account of the present
state of the Woollen Cloth Trade, and what may be the reasons
for the decay thereof.

*Letter to Mr. Martin
for account of exports
of woollen
manufacture.*

Further ordered that Mr. Martyn Inspector General of His Majesty's
Customs be desired to furnish the Board by ten of the clock on
Tuesday morning next, with copys of his [*fo.* 311] accounts of the
total amount of the Woollen Manufacture, exported from the Port
of London for each quarter for the last six years ending at Christ-
mas, 1714.

Post Meridiem. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr.
Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Trade.
*Secretarys of State for
Board's opin'on on
Spanish treaty of
commerce.*

The Lord Viscount Townshend and Mr. Secry. Stanhope coming
to the Board, they desired their Lordships opinion upon a New Treaty
of Commerce [*fo.* 308] between this Kingdom and Spain concluded
by Mr. Bubb His Majesty's Minister at Madrid and the Marquis
de Bedmar Minister of His Catholick Majesty, the 14th of Decr.,
1715, in order to its ratification, which said Treaty was read as like-
wise a translation thereof and of the Marquis de Bedmars full
powers in English, which translations were left with their Lordships
by Mr. Secry. Stanhope; whereupon a progress was made in con-
sidering the same, and the further examination thereof was adjourned
till tomorrow morning.

December 21. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Cokburne, Mr.
Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Trade.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope,
approving the
Spanish treaty of
commerce.*

Their Lordships went through the examination of the New Treaty
of Commerce lately concluded between this Kingdom and Spain
[*fo.* 307] as mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting, and agreed
and signed a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, representing the Boards
approbation of the said Treaty, and opinion that the same be
ratified accordingly.

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December 28. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter Govr. of New York to the Secretary, dated the 10th of October, 1715 [*fo.* 380], relating to the hardships he has suffered on account of the palatines settled in that province, the Canada Expedition &c. was read, and the following papers referred to in his said letter were laid before the Board, vizt.

Account of the number of the Palatine, married and young men, in the several places of their settlement in the year 1715.

Copy of a letter from Brigadr. Hunter Govr. of New York to the Earl of Stair, dated the 18th of Octr. and 8th November, 1714, relating to several hardships he has suffered.

Account of the sale of the stores belonging to the Canada Expedition.

New York.
*Letter from Brigadier
Hunter
hardships on account
of Palatines &c.*

Papers referred to.

January 3. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique.

A memorial from Mr. Oldmixon [*fo.* 249] in behalf of Mr. Miles relating to the Consulship of Madera, praying that the said Miles may be appointed Vice Consul there, was read, and directions given for acquainting the said Oldmixon that since the report of this Board, upon the first reference of that matter there has been nothing relating thereunto before their Lordships.

Upon further consideration of Brigadier Hunters letter to the Secry. of the 10th of October which was read the 28th of the last month [*fo.* 309, 312]; ordered that the several papers relating to the employing of several Palatines at New York in the production of Naval Stores be looked out.

Ordered likewise that the several letters &c. lately recd. from divers of His Majesty's Consuls abroad be inspected and extracts of such parts thereof made [*fo.* 312] as relate to the increase or decay of our Woollen Trade, and laid before the Board tomorrow morning.

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Trade.
*Memorial from Mr.
Oldmixon
Consulship of
Madera.*

New York.
*Governors letter
reconsidered.
Palatine papers to
be looked out.*

Trade.
*Extracts of Consuls
letters to be made, as
relate to our
woollen trade.*

January 4. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke,

A letter from Mr. Martyn Inspector General of His Majesty's Customs, dated the 29th of the last month, representing the difficulty of furnishing their Lordships with the accounts last desired from him [*fo.* 307, 314] of the Woollen Manufactures exported was read; whereupon ordered that he be acquainted that the Board did not intend to give him so great a work as he mentions, and therefore only desire at present the quarterly accounts of the quantities of the long, short and Spanish cloths exported from London and the out Ports in the year 1714.

Ordered that the Secry. write to Mr. Lowndes to move the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury, that this Board may have the use of the several books made up by the Inspector General of the Imports and Exports of the Customs [*fo.* 322.]

Then the extracts ordered yesterday to be prepared of the letters from several British Consuls in foreign parts [*fo.* 310] relating to our Woollen Trade were read, and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Martyn about
difficulty of supplying
the Board with the
accounts desired.
Woollen manufacture.
Answer.*

Trade.
*Letter to Mr.
Lowndes about
Inspector General's
books of imports and
exports.*

Trade.
*British Consuls
extracts of their
letters considered.*

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New York.

*Papers.**Palatines.**Naval stores.**Representation thereupon.*

Several papers [*fo.* 310, 315] relating to the Palatines designed to be employed in producing naval stores at New York, as mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting being laid before the Board directions were given for preparing the draught of a repn. upon that subject.

January 5. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Newfoundland.
Trade and fishery.
Letters from the
Mayors of Bydeford
and Barnstable.

A letter from the Mayor of Bydeford of the 13th of Decr. past with the proposals of the merchants &c. of that place [*fo.* 296], in answer to the Circular Letter writ to him and the Mayors of other Western Ports, the 3rd of the same month, relating to the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland, were read; as likewise a letter from the Mayor of Barnstable, dated the 27th of Decr., 1715, signifying the concurrence of the merchants and others there, with the fore-mentioned proposals from Bydeford, and their Lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration with the answers that shall be received from the other ports.

Trade.
2d. letters to Governors
of Companies about
present state of our
Woollen cloth trade.

Ordered that letters be writ [*fo.* 307, 314] to Sir John Ward Govr. of the Hamburgh Company, Sir Benjamin Ayloff, Govr. of the Muscovia Company, and to the Deputy Govr. of the Turkey Company, to remind them of the Boards desire of an account of the present state of the Woollen Cloth Trade, and the reasons of the decay thereof, as also further to signifye their Lordships desire of the several answers from the said gentlemen in writing on Tuesday or Wednesday morning next, or in case they cannot be ready so soon, that they will please to inform the Board when the said answers may be expected.

January 10. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Trade.
Letter from Deputy
Governor of Turkey
company.
Woollen cloth trade.

A letter from Sir Gerard Conyers Deputy Govr. of the Turkey Company in answer to those writ him the 23rd of Decr. and 5th instant [*fo.* 313] for an acct. of the Woollen Cloth Trade, and the reasons for the decay thereot, was read.

Newfoundland.
Fishery.
Letters to Mayors of
out ports.

Ordered that letters be prepared to the Mayors of such of the Out Ports as have not returned answers to the letters writ them the 3rd of the last month [*fo.* 296] relating to the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland to remind them of the said letters and desire their respective answers with all dispatch; whereupon letters being accordingly prepared to the Mayors of Exeter, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Weymouth, Poole, Foway and Bristol, the same were agreed and ordered to be sent.

Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Martin with account
of exports.
Woollen cloths.

An account from Mr. Martyn [*fo.* 311], (Inspector General of the Customs) of the long, short and Spanish cloths exported quarterly in the year 1714, as had been desired of him the 4th instant, was laid before the Board and read, as likewise his letter dated this day transmitting the same.

January 12. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a repn. upon Brigadier Hunter's letters relating to the production of naval stores at New York [fo. 312], was read, and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

Ordered that the Secry. write to Mr. Martyn Inspector General of the Customs [fo. 335], to desire that of his acct. of pitch tar and masts imported into this Kingdom from Christmas, 1706, to Christmas, 1714, he will distinguish to the Board what part of the said species were imported to London, what to Bristol, and what to the other Out Ports from the plantations.

Ordered that Capt. Taverner, who is lately arrived from Newfoundland be desired to attend the Board at eleven of the clock tomorrow morning.

January 13. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Captain Taverner, who has been employed in surveying the late French part of Newfoundland [fo. 80] attending, communicated to the Board the draught he has made of the harbours and sevl. islands there, upon which their Lordships desiring to receive from him what information he could give concerning the Trade and Fishery of those parts and putting several questions to him, he acquainted ym. that he himself had taken possession of all the late French part of Newfoundland, except Placentia, where Lieut. Govr. Moody now resides—that the French inhabitants mostly removing to Cape Breton, there were but few of them remaining about Newfoundland—that notwithstanding those who remained had taken the Oaths of Fidelity to His Majesty King George, they had not only their goods but servants and fresh men to imploy in the Fishery from France, and that His Majesty's subjects of Guernsey, who use the Newfoundland Trade, have likewise all their lines and fishing tackle from St. Malo, on account of the neighbourhood of that place, and those things being somewhat cheaper there than ours; tho' he added, that he did not doubt but the people of Guernsey were likewise concerned with the merchants of St. Malo in their loadings of fish—that the French come and fetch furs from Newfoundland; and so many of their ships fish within the limits prohibited them by the late Treaty, that had he had authority, he could have seized twenty five or more of them, whilst our men of war were chiefly about the ancient English part of the Island—and he said further in relation to the French, that he understood the Fishery had been but bad at Cape Briton this last year, and that many people, who had settled there were removed to Canada—being then particularly asked if great numbers of our own fishermen and seamen were not debauched and carried away to New England without returning to Great Britain as required by Act of Parliament, and in relation to the selling or hiring of cook rooms and stages &c. at Placentia, as also concerning the manner of carrying on the Trade to Newfoundland from the western ports of England and what abuses he knew therein; he said that near one third part of the fishing ships men go to New England, whereby the masters of those ships save the charge of their passage back and the men get greater wages—and

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New York.

Naval stores.
Draught of
representation.

Plantations General.

Letter to Mr.
Martyn for account
of pitch tar and masts
imported &c.

Newfoundland.

Captain Taverner
summoned.

Newfoundland.

Taverner
at the Board.
Draught of
harbours.

Account of trade and
fishery.

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as to Placentia, he said he was there in August last, that he understood Col. Moody had bought some of the French plantations there by virtue of the Queens letter allowing the French to sell their immoveable effects—that there were in that harbour last year a great many vacant stages, and not such a number of ships, as to occasion their hiring any stages or rooms ; but being further pressed to let the Board know whether the merchants or others did not pay for conveniences there, he answered he believed some of them might—that Col. Moody had four boats himself last year.

Their Lordships then asking his opinion touching the benefit or disadvantage to the publick by having or not having any number of inhabitants at Newfoundland, he declared that he thought the having inhabitants there was a benefit, for that they were cloathed and chiefly supported with all necessaries from this Kingdom—that none of the ships belonging to the western ports of England, except Bydeford and Barnstable, trading to Newfoundland, depend intirely upon fishing, but take as many passengers and what freight they could with some goods of their own, and relied on the chance of the Fishery to make good their voyage, carrying as few seamen or fresh men at their own charge as they can—that Bydeford and Barnstable carry indeed their complement both of seamen and fresh men but generally return with few, and depending altogether on the Fishery they carry little besides their tackle and butter—but that the ships of these two last mentioned ports afford their fish cheaper by reason of their method of hiring their men by shares of fish and not by wages in money, as has been the practice with others since the late wars with France—that the price of fish last year at St. Peters was 35 rials per quintal and at St. Johns from 38 to 28—that there were few of our ships had yet gone to those parts of Newfoundland lately possessed by the French, the ships of Poole commonly frequenting the north part, those of Bristol about Carbonier, of Dartmouth about the Bay of Bulls, of Bydeford and Barnstable about Renouse and Fermouse, to which places they return an account of utensils they leave there—that a great grievance to the Fishery at Newfoundland is the Fishing Admiral taking no case to redress irregularities or prevent the depredations frequently committed, and he referred their Lordships to some former remarks relating to the English settlements there, and the heads of an Act drawn up by him for encouraging that Trade and Fishery delivered to the Board in 1713—14, whereupon their Lordships ordered him a copy thereof, and desired he would add or alter what he thought necessary therein, and bring to the Board on Friday morning next in writing [fo. 322] the substance of what he had now said with his particular observations upon the places yielded to us by the French, what abuses are committed there if any, and his opinion what may be done to make those places of benefit to this Kingdom.

*Taverner
to bring the Board
this account in
writing with further
observations.*

Plantations General.
Naval stores.

Persons summoned.

Captain Taverner being withdrawn, their Lordships upon consideration of some matters relating to the production of naval stores in His Majesty's Plantations and the importation thereof from thence, gave directions for writing to Joseph Pace Esqr., Mr. John Lloyd, Mr. Samuel Baker, Mr. Joseph Lowe, Mr. Andrew Funnel, Mr. Richd. Hackshaw, and Mr. Thomas Sandford [fo. 324], to

acquaint them that the Board desire to speak with them upon that subject at ten of the clock on Wednesday morning next.

January 17. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth Junior.

A new commn. from His Majesty dated the 5th day of this instant January, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{5}{8}$ was opened and read, whereby (besides the great officers of State, as in the last commn. for this Board) the Rt. Honble. the Earl of Suffolk and Bindon, Sir Jacob Astley knight and Bart. John Cokburne, John Chetwynd, Charles Cooke, Paul Docminique, Joseph Addison, and John Molesworth Esqrs. are appointed Commrs. for promoting the Trade of this kingdom, and for inspecting and improving His Majesty's Plantations in America, and Mr. Addison and Mr. Molesworth being present took their places at the Board accordingly.

A letter from Capt. Taverner to the Secry. desiring the several particulars to which the Board expect his answers concerning the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland [*fo.* 320, 353], was read, and an answer to the said letter, being prepared the same was agreed and ordered to be sent.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, Secry. to the Commrs. of His Majesty's Customs, of the 12th instant [*fo.* 311], with an account from the Searchers Office of the Woollen Manufactures exported in the years 1711 and 1712, was read.

A letter from Major Caulfield Lieut. Govr. of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, to the Board dated the 1st of November last, was read, and the papers therewith transmitted, laid before the Board, vizt.

Copy of a letter from the savages of Penobscot and St. Johns, written by their priest, to Major Caulfield, Lt. Govr. of Annapolis Royal, with his answers.

Draught of the Bay of Fundy.

Draught of Cape Breton.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 5th of Decr. upon a repn. from this Board of the 30th of Novr., 1715 [*fo.* 287], for confirming *An Act of Antigua, to enable Baptist Looby &c. to sell lands in that Island*, was read.

January 18. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Pace with several other merchants [*fo.* 321] trading to New England, and other His Majesty's plantations where naval stores are produced, attending, as they had been desired, the 13th instant, their Lordships had some discourse with them concerning the quality &c. of the species of stores undermentioned, in which the said gentlemen acquainted the Board, that the tar made in New England is not so good for ropes as that from Carolina and Virginia ; in New England they make a great deal from knots and roots of wood, but that which they make from trees, is very good, the difference of which may be easily known in the barrils—that the New England tar being more watery than the Swedish is less worth by 20 per cent., tho' New Engl. improves in that manufacture,

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Miscellanies.
New commission.

*Joseph Addison,
John Molesworth,
Esqrs.*

Newfoundland.
Letter from Taverner

Answer.

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.
Woollen
manufacture.*

Nova Scotia.
*Letter from Major
Caulfield.*

Papers sent.

Antigua.
*Order of Council.
Act.
Baptist Looby.*

Plantations General.
*Mr. Pace &c.
at the Board.
Naval stores.*

Tar.

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*Masts.**Apple pines.**Turpentine.*

*Mr. Pace &c.
to bring their
thoughts in writing
thereupon.*

which is seldom kept long when imported here, the Navy Board having bought some of it—that for masts those from Riga and Gottenburgh are esteemed the best in the World, and those from New England next, but that in New England there are trees called Apple pines whereof mast might be made equal in goodness to the very best, but because of the great weight of them are not brought hither—that the turpentine made in New England, is better than that from France, and the importation of it into this kingdom is much increased; they added that the price of freight from Gottenburgh to Great Britain was about fifteen and from New England about forty five shillings per tun for Boards and plank.

Mr. Pace and the other gentlemen were then desired to let their Lordships have as soon as they could in writing what they had now mentioned on the subject of naval stores, together with what they judged proper for facilitating and encouraging the importation of the said stores into this Kingdom from His Majesty's Plantations, which they accordingly promised.

*Nevis.
Mr. Mills.
Debentures.*

*New England.
Plantations General.
Mr. Bridger.
Petition about
salary.
Admiralty's
reasons against that
office.*

*Letter to Mr.
Lowndes.*

January 19. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Mills attending, and his Powers of Attorney from several of the sufferers by the French Invasion of Nevis being examined at the Board, the Seven Debentures numbered as follows were delivered to him vizt., 487, 523, 530, 534, 552, 566, 573.

Mr. Bridger Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods on the Continent of America, attending [*fo.* 236], presented to their Lordships a petition setting forth that there is a stop put to the payment of his salary at the Navy Board, by Order from the Lords of the Admiralty, who have sent their reasons to the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury against the continuance of any Commission for a Surveyor of the Woods as aforesaid, and praying the interposition of this Board, that he the said Bridger may be enabled to pursue the intent of his Commission which their Lordships have thought necessary, was read; whereupon a letter to Mr. Lowndes [*fo.* 330], desiring him to move the Lords of the Treasury for copies of the said reasons, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

January 20. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

*Trade.
Memorial from the
Turkey Company.*

Woollen cloth trade.

*Letter to Deputy
Governor.*

*Letter to Mr.
Martyn.*

Sir Gerard Conyers Deputy Govr. and several members of the Levant or Turkey Company attending, presented to their Lordships a memorial in answer to the letter writ to the said Deputy Govr. the 20th of the last month [*fo.* 307], for an account of the present state of the Woollen Cloth Trade, and the reasons of the decay thereof, which was read and the said gentlemen being withdrawn ordered that a letter be writ to Sir Gerard Conyers [*fo.* 330], to desire he will let this Board have on Tuesday next an account of the cloth exported by the Turkey Company annually for three years ending at Christmas last.

Ordered likewise that Mr. Martyn [*fo.* 329] Inspector General of His Majestys Customs be desired to give their Lordships on Tuesday

next if possible, an account of the raw silk imported from Leghorn annually in three years ending at Christmas last.

A memorial from the Muscovia Company, relating to the decay of our Woollen Trade, in answer to the letter writ to their Govr. [fo. 307] the 23rd of the last month, and concerning the abuses in packing of hemp in the Czar's Dominions was read.

And a memorial from the Hamburg Company [fo. 307], relating to the state of their trade, was read.

January 24. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cook, Mr. Dominique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Gaudy attending [fo. 286], presented to their Lordships two printed maps from the draughts he made last year, the one describing Placentia, and the other the Coast of Newfoundland, from the Bay of Bulls to little Placentia, as likewise the Harbour of Trepassey, which were ordered to be kept with the draughts and other maps in this office.

An account [fo. 328] from the office of the Inspector General of the Customs, shewing the quantity of raw silk annually imported from Leghorn in three years, ending at Christmas last, as had been desired of Mr. Martyn the 20th instant, was read.

A letter [fo. 328] from Sir Gerard Conyers, Deputy Govr. of the Turkey Company, dated this day, with an account of the cloth exported by them in three years, ending at Christmas last as desired the 20th instant, was likewise read; whereupon ordered, that the Secry. further desire to know of him, what proofs there are of any quantities of Turkey raw silks [fo. 335] being exported from Marseilles to Leghorn, and from thence to this Kingdom, as set forth in the memorial received from him, and other members of the Company on Friday last.

January 25. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Dominique.

A letter from Mr. Kelsall [fo. 326] of the 21st instant, transmitting by order of the Lords of the Treasury, the copy of a letter from the Admiralty, relating to the reasons for not continuing a Surveyor of His Majesty's Woods on the Continent of America, was read, together with the said copy.

A letter from Sir Matthew Dudley, dated this day, relating to the preservation and production of masts and ship timber in New England, and other parts of His Majesty's Plantations in America, together with the copy of a letter to Mr. Usher late Lieut. Govr. of New Hampshire dated the 2nd of November last, relating to the waste committed in the Woods in those parts, were read; whereupon directions were given for preparing a letter to the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury [fo. 335] relating to that matter.

Ordered that a letter [fo. 336] be writ to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion as soon as may be, whether to remedy the abuses committed against the *Act of Parliamt.* past in the 10th and 11th years of the reign of His late Majesty King William, *to encourage the Trade to Newfoundland*, it may be necessary that a New Act of Parliament be passed with penalties. Whether His Majesty's

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*Raw silk from
Leghorn.*

*Memorial from the
Muscovy Company.*

*Memorial
Hamburg Company.*

Newfoundland.

*Mr. Gaudy.
Printed maps.*

Trade.

*Account.
Raw silk from
Leghorn.*

*Letter from Deputy
Governor of Turkey
Company.*

Letter to him.

**New England.
Plantations General.**

*Letter from Mr.
Kelsall.*

*Reasons against
Surveyor of the woods.*

*Letter from Sir
Matthew Dudley.
Masts and ship
timber.*

*Letter to the
Treasury.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter to Attorney
General about
remedying abuses in
that trade.*

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Proclamation may be sufficient in this case, or what other method he can propose to remedy the said evils.

January 26. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

New England.
Plantations General.
Mr. Lechmere and
Banister.
Memorial.
Naval stores.
Certificates.

Hemp.

Northern Crowns.
Freight.
Premium.

Captain Jones
best masts from
New England.

bear 3 East India
voyages.

Mr. Bridger
proposal.
Naval stores.

Mr. Lechmere and Mr. Banister, with several New England merchants, as likewise Captain Jones and others concerned in masting of ships &c. attending, they presented to their Lordships a memorial for further encouraging the production of Naval stores [fo. 233, 334], in His Majesty's Plantations, and importing the same into Great Britain, which was read, as likewise three certificates of the goodness of masts, and in discourse these gentlemen said, that as to the raising of hemp, there was little land fit for it, in the province of the Massachusetts Bay; but that the province of Main, which is yet unsettled, was very proper for it, and that if the inhabitants were obliged to pay their taxes in that commodity, they would the readier be induced to set about it—that the chief difference between the Naval stores from America, and those from the Northern Crowns, was in the price of freight, and that the premium or encouragement for Naval Stores to be brought from His Majesty's Dominions, ought to be proportioned according to the difference of freight from thence and the Baltick, and for plank and deals regard ought to be had to their fineness—Captain Jones, a mast maker, also presented to the Board a certificate from himself, relating to the goodness of masts from New England, in comparison with those from Denmark and Norway, &c. which was read; and he further said, that from twenty inches diameter and upwards, he would give a better price for New England masts than any other—that the countries of Gottenburgh, and about Riga, where he formerly resided, were near exhausted of masts, and that among forty which grew there, he had found not above five fit for service, but that he had known masts of New England bear three East India voyages [fo. 341]—Capt. Jones then offering to add something to his forementioned certificate, the same was delivered to him, which he promised to return in a few days.

Mr. Bridger then attending presented to their Lordships some proposals [fo. 332] for the improvement of Naval stores in America, which were read.

January 31. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Newfoundland.
Nova Scotia.
Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Stanhope about
direction to be sent
thither.
Letter to Mr.
Attorney General
pressing for answer
to a former.

New England.
Letter to Treasury.
Surveyor of the
Woods.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, of the 26th instant, desiring the thoughts of this Board in relation to such directions as His Majesty's service may require to be given about the Isle of May, Newfoundland and Annapolis Royal [fo. 288, 338, 371], was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Attorney Genl. be desired to give his answer tomorrow morning, if possible, to the letter writ him the 25th of this month, concerning abuses committed at Newfoundland contrary to Act of Parliament.

The draught of a letter [fo. 331, 339] to the Lords Commrs. of His Majesty's Treasury, relating to the Office of Surveyor of His Majesty's Woods on the Continent of America, directed to be pre-

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pared the 25th instant, was read, and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

An account from the Office of the Inspector General of His Majesty's Customs [*fo.* 315] shewing the quantities of pitch, tar and masts imported from His Majesty's Plantations to London, Bristol, and the other Out Ports from Christmas, 1706 to Christmas, 1714, as desired, the 12th instant was laid before the Board.

Plantations General.
*Inspector's account
pitch, tar, masts.*

February 1. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Sir Gerard Conyers [*fo.* 330], Deputy Govr. with several other members of the Turkey Company attending, presented to their Lordships a memorial (in answer to the letter writ him the 24th of the last month) with extracts of letters from Leghorn, relating to Turkey raw silk being exported from Marseilles to that port, and thence into this Kingdom, which were read.

Trade.
Conyers memorial.

Raw silk.

Mr. Attorney General's answer to the letter writ him the 25th of the last month [*fo.* 331], signifying his opinion, that to prevent the abuses committed at Newfoundland, contrary to Act of Parliament, a proclamation would have no effect, but that it will be necessary for that purpose to have a New Act passed with penalties, and declaring where, and how the same shall be recovered, was read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a repn. [*fo.* 342] to His Majesty upon that subject, to be transmitted to Mr. Seery. Stanhope, pursuant to his letter mentioned in yesterday's minutes, on which occasion the several papers following were read, and ordered to lie on the table till the repn. should be agreed to.

Newfoundland.
*Attorney General.
Opinion about abuses.*

Memorial from Mr. Jacquesau, relating to the Fishery of Newfoundland, with a petition, praying a pension formerly granted him for his services may be continued.

Meml. from the merchants &c. of Poole, in answer to the letter to the Mayor of that port, the 3rd of Decr., 1715, relating to the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland.

Letter from the Mayor of Dartmouth of the 9th of January, 17 $\frac{1}{6}$ in answer to one writ him the 3rd of Decr. foregoing, about the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland.

Memorial from the Mayor and merchants of Weymouth, relating to Newfoundland.

Letter from the Mayor of Exeter, dated the 25th of January, 17 $\frac{1}{6}$ with the proposals of the merchants of that City, relating to Newfoundland.

Letter from the Mayor of Foway, dated the 19th of January, 17 $\frac{1}{6}$ signifying that there are no merchants in that port who trade to Newfoundland.

Letter from the Mayor of Plymouth of the 24th of January, 17 $\frac{1}{6}$ signifying that the merchants there, know of no hardships the Fishery and Trade to Newfoundland lies under ; except by encroachment of foreigners.

Letter from Mr. Burchet of ye 10th January, 17 $\frac{1}{6}$ with a copy of Capt. Falkingham's scheme of the Fishery at Newfoundland, for the year 1715.

Letter from Captain Kempthorn, Commodore of the Newfound-

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land Convoy, dated the 6th of October, 1715, with his answers to the heads of inquiry, relating to the Trade and Fishery there.

Account of the Fishery at Newfoundland for the year 1715.

And on further consideration of Mr. Secry. Stanhope's foresaid letter.

Ordered that all other papers in the Office relating to the Isle of May, Newfoundland, and Annapolis Royal [*fo.* 334, 371] be laid before the Board.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope, of the 29th of Decr., 1715, desiring if the Board have no objection thereto, that Wm. Broderick Esqr. His Majesty's Attorney General in Jamaica, may be represented to His Majesty as fitly qualified to be of the Council of that Island, in the room of Francis Oldfield Esqr. who has resigned, was read; and directions given [*fo.* 339] for preparing the draught of a repn. thereupon.

February 2. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Stephen Duport and Mr. Peter Cabibel attending, and their powers of attorney from Elizabeth Dixon and John Bouryan, who claims by virtue of a sale from John Dixon, husband of the said Elizabeth, sufferers by the French invasion of St. Christophers, being examined at the Board, the debenture numbered 596, was delivered to Mr. Duport, upon his and Mr. Cabibel's receipt for the same.

The draught of a letter [*fo.* 335, 341] to the Lords Commrs. of His Majesty's Treasury relating to the Office of Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods on the Continent of America, mentioned in the minutes of the 31st of the last month, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a repn. [*fo.* 338, 422] ordered yesterday to be prepared for proposing to His Majesty that William Broderick Esqr. Attorney General of Jamaica be constituted a member of His Majesty's Council there, in the room of Francis Oldfield Esqr. who has resigned, was agreed and signed.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 30th of the last month, with the copy of one from the Lord Archibald Hamilton Govr. of Jamaica [*fo.* 342], dated the 14th of Novr., 1715, relating to the irregular proceedings of the Assembly [*fo.* 377] there, was read, and directions given for looking out several papers upon that subject, to be laid before the Board tomorrow morning.

February 3. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Mr. Burchet [*fo.* 357] by order of the Lords of the Admiralty dated the 1st instant, relating to New passes to be sent to the plantations for the security of ships and vessels belonging to His Majesty's subjects against those of the Algerines was read; whereupon ordered that copies thereof be sent to the following gentlemen who are concerned for the plantations under mentioned vizt. [*fo.* 343] Col. Blakiston and Mr. Micajah Perry for Virginia and Maryland [*fo.* 347], Mr. Champante for New York and New Jersey, Mr. Dummer for New England [*fo.* 348], and New Hampshire,

Newfoundland.

Nova Scotia.

*Papers to be laid
before the Board.*

Jamaica.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
about Broderick's
being a councillor.*

*Draught
representation.*

St. Christophers.

*Duport and
Cabibel.*

New England.

*Draught letter.
Bridger.*

Jamaica.

*Broderick.
Representation.*

Jamaica.

*Letter from Mr.
Stanhope
about Assembly.*

Plantations General.

*Letter from Mr.
Burchet.
Passes.*

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Attor.
pressing,
to a fo.*

New Eng.

*Letter to Treas.
Surveyor of the
Woods.*

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Mr. Thurston for Jamaica [*fo.* 344], Mr. Wm. Heysham for Barbadoes, Mr. Duport and Col. Jory for the Leeward Islands, Sir John Bennet for Bermuda, and Mr. James Campbel for Newfoundland, and that the said gentlemen be acquainted that this Board desire to speak with them in relation to that matter at ten of the clock on Wednesday morning next.

A certificate [*fo.* 334] being read from Capt. Jones, as mentioned in the minutes of the 26th of the last month, relating to the goodness of New England masts in comparison with those from the Northern parts of Europe, the same was read.

A letter to the Lords Commrs. of His Majesty's Treasury [*fo.* 339], agreed yesterday, relating to the Office of a Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods on the Continent of America, was signed.

Upon further consideration of Mr. Secry. Stanhope's letter of the 30th of the last month, with one from the Lord Archibald Hamilton [*fo.* 340, 345], Govr. of Jamaica, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, their Lordships gave directions for preparing an answer thereunto [*fo.* 350].

New England.
Trade.
Certificate.
Masts.

Letter to Treasury.
Surveyor General.
Woods.

Jamaica.

Answer to Mr.
Stanhope's letter.

February 7. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Do-
minique, Mr. Addison.

The draught of a repn. [*fo.* 336, 354] directed to be prepared the 1st instant, about preventing the abuses committed at Newfoundland in the Trade and Fishery there &c., was laid before the Board and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

And in relation to what is mentioned in Mr. Secry. Stanhope's foresaid letter, relating to Annapolis in Nova Scotia, their Lordships agreed and signed a letter to Mr. Pulteney [*fo.* 359, 398] His Majesty's Secry. of War, desiring him to communicate to this Board, what lights he has relating to the state of that place, and if there are any officers in town lately come from thence.

Newfoundland.
Progress.
Representation.

Nova Scotia.
Letter to Mr.
Pulteney.

February 8. Present :—Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminique, Mr.
Addison.

Col. Blakiston [*fo.* 341], Col. Jory, Mr. Duport, and Mr. Champante attending, as desired, the 3rd instant, in relation to passes to be sent to the plantations for the security of ships and vessels trading in the way of the Algerines, and being respectively asked their opinions what number of such passes may be necessary to be transmitted to the plantations for which they are concerned, Col. Blakiston said that about 40 for Virginia and 30 for Maryland might be sufficient for those Colonies, Colonel Jory and Mr. Duport declared their opinions that about 40 would supply St. Christophers, Antigua, Nevis and Mountserrat, and Mr. Champante acquainted the Board, that 40 passes to be lodged with Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York and New Jersey, might serve both those provinces.

The Secry. acquainted the Board that Sir John Bennet, and Mr. Campbell had been at the office, as desired in relation to the said passes, and that the former desired him to acquaint their Lordships, that he had nothing further to offer in this case, than that the like number of passes might now be sent to Bermuda as had been form-

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erly, but that he knew not how many that was, and Mr. Campbell, signified that he knew of no occasion there was of sending any such passes to Newfoundland, since he believed all ships and vessels trading thither furnished themselves therewith in this Kingdom.

A letter from Mr. Thurston dated this day, signifying that about twenty of the abovementioned passes, may be sufficient for Jamaica for a year, was read ; as likewise a letter from Mr. Dummer excusing his attendance this day on account of his indisposition. Then their Lordships gave directions for writing to Mr. Wm. Heysham, Mr. Micajah Perry and Mr. Dummer to desire to speak with them at ten of the clock on Friday morning next upon the same subject.

Sir Gilbert Heathcote and Mr. Richd. Harris [*fo.* 352], attending with Mr. March and Mr. Hawkins late Engineer at Jamaica, and other gentlemen lately arrived from thence, Sir Gilbert acquainted their Lordships that having been to wait on Mr. Secry. Stanhope with an address to His Majesty from the Assembly of that island, Mr. Secry. had signified to them that the said address could not be presented before he received the answer of this Board upon the papers referred to them, which have been received from the Lord Archd. Hamilton Govr. of Jamaica, wherein His Lordship complains of the behaviour and proceedings of the said Assembly [*fo.* 342] ; and said they came now to desire to be informed what the Govr. had alledged against the Assembly in order to their vindication ; whereupon their Lordships entering into discourse with these gentlemen, it was observed to them that the Assembly's addressing His Majesty without communication of it to the Governor was extraordinary, and that such practices had been disapproved in His Majesty's other plantations, and that the proceedings even in Ireland were quite otherwise ; to which the said gentlemen answered, that they did not doubt of justifying the conduct of the Assembly of Jamaica, and they took notice, that there was £9000, intended for the supplying that Island with white servants, which sums had lain some time dead and unemployed, that great sums had been raised there for the use of the fortifications, which notwithstanding remain in a very ill condition, and that when a Committee of the Council and Assembly was appointed to inspect them, the forementioned Mr. Hawkins, who used to attend the like Committee, was refused to be admitted into the forts ; and other things they hinted at as Male-Administration in the Govr. but some of them said they appeared now as defendants, and did not bring any accusation ; whereupon their Lordships desired them if they had any thing to offer by way of complaint, they would lay it before the Board in writing that their Lordships might represent it to His Majesty. and tomorrow seven night was appointed for them to attend the Board again.

February 10. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doominique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Plantations General.
*Mr. Perry.**Passes.*

Mr. Micajah Perry [*fo.* 341], attending, as he had been desired, in relation to passes to be sent to the plantations for the security of ships and vessels trading in the way of the Algerines, he acquainted their Lordships that in his opinion 30 passes would be sufficient

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for each of the Governments of Virginia and Maryland to be renewed according as they should expire.

Mr. Dummer [*fo.* 341], likewise attending on the same subject, informed the Board that several ships trading from New England with fish &c. to several parts of the Mediterranean, Spain, Portugal, the Canaries &c. had occasion for such passes, and that last year the Admiralty sent sixty to New England, which continued in force for no longer than 12 months there having been just complaint of the disposal of such passes to Genoese and other foreigners; that he thought 100 passes to be sent annually to the Govr. of the Massachusetts Bay would be full enough for those parts, and that possibly eighty might suffice. In further discourse with Mr. Dummer relating to the Fishery of New England, he said that about 150 thousand quintals of fish had been sent thence last year to the Mediterranean and other parts of Europe.

Ordered that Col. Vetch be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him at ten of the clock on Tuesday morning next.

February 14. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiqne, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The following accounts of the incident charges of this Office, from Michaelmas to Christmas, 1715, were laid before the Board, together with copies of the like accounts from Midsummer to Michaelmas, 1715 which were transmitted to the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury, the 15th of Novr. last, amounting for the whole six months to £243 0s. 3d. vizt.

Account of petty expences from Midsummer, 1715 to Michaelmas following amounting to	51	9	7
The like account from Michaelmas, 1715 to Christmas following amounting to	42	16	6
The Stationer's Acct. from Midsummer, 1715 to Michaelmas following amounting to	40	16	0
The like account from Michaelmas, 1715 to Christmas following amounting to	50	11	11
The Post Officers Account of letters from Midsummer, 1715 to Michaelmas following amounting to	13	3	9
The like account from Michaelmas, 1715, to Christmas following amounting to	11	2	10
Samuel Clark's Account of Wood and Coals amounting to	32	19	8

Whereupon a letter to the said Lords Commrs. of His Majesty's Treasury, praying payment of the said accounts, as likewise of the salaries due to this Office, was signed.

The draught of an answer [*fo.* 342, 352] ordered the 3rd instant to be prepared to Mr. Secry. Stanhope's letter of the 30th of the last month, upon the copy of one from the Lord Archibald Hamilton Govr. of Jamaica, relating to the proceedings of the Assembly there was laid before the Board, and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

Plantations General.
Mr. Dummer.

Passes.

Miscellanies.
Incidents and salaries.

Jamaica.
Assembly.
Answer to Mr. Stanhope.

February 16. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiqne, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

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Nova Scotia.
Colonel Vetch.
State of Annapolis
Royal.

Col. Vetch attending, and being asked whether he knew anything of the present state of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, or if he could inform their Lordships of any officers or others lately come from thence, who could give the Board an account of that matter, he said Capt. Armstrong, [fo. 357] Capt. Douglas, Mr. John Cooksage, and Mr. Thomas Button were lately arrived from that place, and he promised to bring a memorial [fo. 358] upon that subject, and to attend the Board with those gentlemen on Wednesday morning next. In the mean time, he communicated to their Lordships a letter he had recd. from Major Caulfield, dated at Annapolis the 2nd of Novr. last, which was read.

Jamaica.
Answer to
Mr. Secretary
Stanhope.

The draught of an answer [fo. 350, 353] to Mr. Secry. Stanhope's letter of the 30th of the last month, upon the copy of one from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Govr. of Jamaica; relating to the proceedings of the Assembly there as mentioned in the minutes of the 14th instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Harris and others
about
the Assembly.

Mr. Richard Harris [fo. 345] attending, with Mr. March, Mr. Hawkins, the Engineer, and several other gentlemen from Jamaica, they desired to know what complaints the Lord Archibald Hamilton, had made against the Assembly of that Island, and said they would reply thereto [fo. 355] whereupon they were acquainted that the Board would send their answer to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, upon what the Lord Archibald Hamilton had writ to him, and that if Mr. Secry. thought fit to communicate it to them it would be more proper he should do it himself; these gentlemen then repeated to the same purpose, as what they said at the Board the 8th instant, but said, they had not finished what they intended to present now in writing, and being again acquainted that their Lordships would be ready at any time to receive and consider what they should have to lay before them, the said gentlemen promised to bring a meml. of the ill state of affairs in Jamaica on Tuesday next.

February 17. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison.

Jamaica.
Answer to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

The answer [fo. 352, 413], agreed yesterday to Mr. Secry Stanhope's letter of the 30th of the last month, upon the copy of one from the Lord Archibald Hamilton Govr. of Jamaica, relating to the proceedings of the Assembly there, was signed.

Newfoundland.
Arbuthnot's petition
&c.
against Taverner.

Mr. Arbuthnot attending, presented to their Lordships a petition from himself and Mr. Young, owners, and Mr. Wm. Cleaves, Commander of the ship Golden James, of Poole, complaining of Capt. Taverner [fo. 322, 355] late Surveyor at Newfoundland, which petition was read, together with the papers therein referred to; whereupon ordered that copies of the said petition, and papers be sent to Capt. Taverner for his answer.

Representation.

A further progress was then made in considering the draught of a repn. mentioned in the minutes of the 7th instant [fo. 342], about preventing the abuses committed in the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland.

February 18. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doerninque, Mr. Molesworth.

A further progress was made in considering the draught of a repn. [fo. 342, 358] mentioned in yesterday's minutes, about preventing the abuses committed in the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland.

February 21. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doernique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Campbell having signified his desire of having copies of the petition of Mr. Arbuthnot and others against Captain Taverner [fo. 353], relating to proceedings at Newfoundland, and of the papers therein referred to, mentioned in the minutes of the 17th instant ; ordered that copies be given him accordingly.

Mr. March and several merchants and other gentlemen concerned in the Island of Jamaica, who were most of them present the 16th instant, attending now, they presented to the Board a memorial intituled a memorial in vindication of that Island and the Assembly thereof, against the repn. [fo. 352, 414] of the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Govr. of the said Island, with the following papers therein referred to, vizt.

A. Extracts of some minutes of the Assembly of Jamaica.

B. Other extracts of some minutes of the Assembly of Jamaica.

C. Copy of Lord Hamilton's letter to Col. Clark.

D. Memorial from Mr. Hawkins, Engineer to Lord Archibald Hamilton about state of fortifications, dated the 12th of January, 17¹¹/₁₂.

E. Account of repairs, stores &c. wanting for the fortifications on Port Royal by Engineer Hawkins.

Whereupon their Lordships acquainted them, that the said meml. and papers being pretty long, should be taken into consideration at the first opportunity, and notice given them when their attendance should be desired again.

February 22. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Burchet, Secry. to the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty, in answer to his of the 1st instant, relating to passes to be sent to His Majesty's Plantations, for the security of ships that may be met by those of the Algerines, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Captain Armstrong [fo. 351, 367], who is lately come from Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, attending, and being asked several questions, relating to the garrison there &c. he said, it was in a very ill condition, having only salt provisions for their subsistence when he came away—that their cloathing was grown extreamly bad, the soldiers having no stockings nor any shoes, but what were to be made out of green hides as the Indian's shoes. That they had no bed nor blanket ; that there were not above 250 men in garrison at that place, and that they had not been paid since the 24th of June, 1712.

Colonel Vetch then coming to the Board, presented to their Lordships a memorial [fo. 351, 398], as promised the 16th instant, relating to the state of Annapolis Royal and the country of Nova Scotia,

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Newfoundland.
Progress.
Representation.

Newfoundland.
Campbell for
copies of petitions.
Ordered.

Jamaica.
March &c. with
memorial
about

Assembly there.

to be considered.

Plantations General.
Letter to Mr.
Burchet.
Passes.

Nova Scotia.
Captain Armstrong
about
the ill state of the
garrison.

Colonel Vetch with
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which their Lordships agreed to take into consideration the first opportunity ; and in discourse he acquainted the Board that New England allows their Troops seven shillings, per week, each man besides provisions, and that the Troops in Nova Scotia had been put upon the same foot by a Council of War.

Newfoundland.
*Progress in
draught of
representation.*

A further progress was made in considering the draught of a repn. [fo. 354, 367], mentioned in the minutes of the 18th instant, about preventing the abuses committed in the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland.

February 23. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

Nova Scotia.
*Mr. Merrill
about
letter to Mr.
Pulteney.*

Ordered that the Secry. write to Mr. Merrill, to desire he will remind Mr. Pulteney [fo. 343, 368], His Majesty's Secry. at War, of the letter writ him by this Board, the 7th instant, relating to the state of Annapolis Royal &c. in Nova Scotia, for his answer.

Newfoundland.
*Taverner
summoned*

Ordered that Capt. Taverner [fo. 360] be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him at eleven of the clock tomorrow morning.

Trade.
*Letter to Mr.
Martyn.*
Woollen manufactures.

Ordered that a letter [fo. 376] be writ to Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of His Majesty's Customs, to desire he will let this Board have an account of the Woollen Manufactures exported from London to foreign parts, from Christmas, 1711, to Christmas, 1713, in distinct years.

February 24. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Newfoundland.
Captain Taverner.

Capt. Taverner attending [fo. 359, 369], as desired yesterday, their Lordships had some discourse with him in relation to the ill practices carried on at Newfoundland, to the prejudice of that Trade and Fishery, and concerning proper methods for remedying the same, wherein he was particularly asked.

Queries.

1st. Whether in the choice of judges &c. which have been proposed for determining differences there, it would not be proper for the masters of fishing ships to have votes ?

2nd. Whether Irish and New England Factors remain at Newfoundland in the winter ?

3rd. Whether there were any inhabitants who keep a number of servants there in the winter, to employ them in the Fishery next season.

Answered.

4th. What sorts of people sell strong liquors at Newfoundland ?

And in answer to the first query, he said, that the fishing ships ought to have votes in the choice of the said judges or other officers, for that if they were excluded, he thought the intended Act to remedy the abuses committed at Newfoundland, would never pass.

To the 2nd query, he said, that several Factors from New England remain at Newfoundland in the winter, but that there went none from Ireland directly that he knew of, tho' there might be several Irish persons among the said Factors from New England, tho' he thought they seldom remained at Newfoundland.

To the 3rd query, he said, there were now as many families at Newfoundland as had used to remain there in former years, being

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20, 30 or 40 families in a harbour in the old English part; that abundance of servants and others often stay there in winter, but that they were more or less according to the plenty or scarcity of provisions, there being no cattle but a great way within the land, and the ground near the sea being barren, they could produce no corn, making use of small tracts of ground only for gardens; tho' he alledged that a small island adjacent, called Micon, which he had surveyed, was very fit for corn.

To the 4th query, he said, that the Factors from New England and others who remain annually at Newfoundland in the winter, retail abundance of liquors upon credit till the month of August, the only time for all payments there—that whilst the ships remain at Newfoundland rum is commonly sold for 2s. 6d. per gallon, but as soon as ever they are departed, it is raised from that price to eight shillings and other things proportionably, till supplies which begin to come in the spring, reduce them by degrees to the rate first mentioned, but the planters, fishermen and others having by the extravagant price of liquors &c. in the winter, run themselves very much into debt, their creditors commonly seize upon the fish they catch, and sometimes pay themselves by Midsummer, the stronger taking it again from the weaker, if he happened to have seized first, and the same in other disputes about property in which the Admirals of Harbours rarely interpose their authority, which is more a burthen to them than a privilege, and tho' there is sometimes application made to them, they seldom attend disputes, so that the captains of men of war and their lieutenants for the most part determine differences, and the Fishing Admirals are become useless—that the Fishery is by these means interrupted, such fishermen proceeding no further to catch fish that year, their other creditors commonly losing their debts.

Captain Taverner being then asked what he thought the best method for remedying these inconveniencies, he said, by Courts to be held by proper Judges to be chosen annually about the end of May, out of the masters of fishing ships, who come to Newfoundland, whose places for the winter should be supplied at the end of the fishing season by one or more of the best qualified inhabitants in each harbour, the said inhabitants being mostly very illiterate and of mean capacity, and he referred to the proposals in his late memorial to this Board. Being further asked how the charge of keeping such Courts might be supplied, and what penalties he thought would be fit to inforce the execution of their orders, he said, that as to penalties offenders might be imprisoned, and seizures made of their fish or other goods, and that such seizures, he believed, would answer the charge of keeping Courts.

As to any inconveniencies which it was suggested might arise to the Fishery by erecting buildings behind the fishing ships, stages and rooms, he said there might be such practices, but that he knew of none—that at St. Johns the fishing stages had some of them two rooms backwards.

And upon the question whether the incouragement of inhabitants to settle at Newfoundland, or to have only fishing ships, would be most for the advantage of that Trade and Fishery, and other

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enquiries relating to Newfoundland, he said, fishing ships without inhabitants would not be for the good of that Trade—that most ships have three things which they depend upon for making their voyage, vizt. goods of their own, freight for others to Newfoundland and fish from thence, and without inhabitants there would not be so many ships employed—that there are few ships, except from Bydeford and Barnstable, which rely entirely upon fishing at Newfoundland, the ships from those two places continuing to engage their men by a share of the fish, and not by wages in money—that all fishing ships sell if they can, to sack ships, which carry the fish to market—that the charge of fitting ships for Newfoundland, is much the same now as formerly, but the risque of the voyage upon such owners who do not share fish with their men—that fish was dear this year by reason of the small quantity taken—that there is good fishing on the south coast of Newfoundland, and the best at St. Peters and St. Laurence—that there are no flakes at St. Peters but very good beach—that the reasons he conceived why our ships had not yet gone to fish at those places, were their having debts due to them in other harbours, where likewise their boats stages and several utensils were left the preceding year, and chiefly because there were few or no inhabitants to whom the ships might dispose of their goods as in the harbours they had formerly used.

Their Lordships further inquired of Captain Taverner in relation to the Harbour of Placentia, what Col. Moody demanded as rent for the stages &c. which he bought of the French, and whether such demand was not a prejudice to the Fishery, to which he answered that Colonel Moody had about 10*l.* per annum for each boats room, as at Ferryland, but that there was no want of room at Placentia, nor any occasion to hire stages, if people would be at the charge of building stages and houses—that the planters made use of the Inner Harbour there, and that the fishing ships had a very convenient place without, where there were as yet no stages—that Col. Moody employed 4 boats last year, each boat having usually 5 men (vizt.) 3 in the boat and 2 to manage the fish on shore—and Captain Taverner said, that the soldiers being employed in the Fishery, would be an advantage, but that in the winter nothing could be left safe from them.

Capt. Taverner being withdrawn, their Lordships made a further progress in considering the draughts of a repn. [*fo.* 358, 368], mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd instant, about preventing abuses in the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland.

February 28. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Nova Scotia.
Captain Armstrong
memorial
and
case.

Captain Armstrong [*fo.* 357] attending, presented to the Board a memorial which he had been desired to prepare of the present state of Annapolis Royal and the province of Nova Scotia.

He likewise presented to their Lordships his case with relation to money procured and engaged for by him, towards the support the garrison of Annapolis Royal.

Newfoundland.
Representation.

Then their Lordships made a further progress in considering the draught of a repn. [*fo.* 367], mentioned in the minutes of the 24th

instant, about preventing abuses in the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland.

February 29. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Mr. Merrill, of the 25th upon one writ him the 23rd instant, relating to this Board's desire of some information from Mr. Pulteney [*fo.* 359], His Majesty's Secretary at War, about the state of the garrison at Annapolis Royal and of the province of Nova Scotia, was read, and an answer agreed and ordered to be sent.

A letter from the Lord Visct. Townshend [*fo.* 400], of yesterdays date, with the Tariff or Declaration of Duties payable, in the Austrian Low Countries by the 25th Article of the Barrier Treaty signed at Antwerp the 15th of Novr. last, was read, whereupon ordered that a copy be made of the said Tariff or Declaration, as soon as possible.

A letter from Captain Taverner [*fo.* 360] of 15th Febr., 17¹⁸/₁₈ with some remarks on the present state of the south parts of Newfoundland, and proper heads for an Act of Parliament to incourage and regulate the Trade and Fishery of that Island, was read.

After which directions were given for writing to Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 370], Secry. to the Commrs. of His Majesty's Customs to desire he would inform this Board, whether a drawback be allowed on wine and brandy re-exported from this Kingdom to Newfoundland and His Majesty's other plantations in America, and their Lordships then went through the consideration of the draught of their repn. [*fo.* 367, 371] mentioned in yesterdays minutes about preventing abuses in the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland and the same was ordered to be transcribed.

March 1. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 369] Secry. to the Commrs. of His Majesty's Customs, attending, acquainted the Board in answer to the letter writ him yesterday, that the same drawbacks were allowed upon goods re-exported from this kingdom to Newfoundland and His Majesty's other plantations as to any foreign countries—and upon some discourse with him he said, there was no drawbacks upon foreign iron ware and cordage, and the reason as he believed, why such of those commodities, which are employed in the Newfoundland Fishery were not excepted, was because of all sorts of European goods being carried from thence to His Majesty's other plantations—that there is a preventive Custom House Officer at Newfoundland, but without power to seize—that there is great want of a Court there and some steps have been formerly made towards settling one, but the difficulty was how to maintain the charge of it—and being asked in relation to the Duties upon train oil, he said the oil made by English ships paid nothing, and that by planters or inhabitants 3sh. per tun.

March 2. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

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Nova Scotia.
Letter from
Mr. Merrill.

Annapolis garrison.
Answer.

Trade.
Letter from Lord
Townshend.
Tariff.
Austrian Low
Countries
to be copied.

Newfoundland.
Letter from Taverner.
Heads of an Act.

Newfoundland.
Plantations General.
Letter to Mr.
Carkesse.
Drawback on
wine &c.
Representation
to be transcribed.

Newfoundland.
Plantations General.
Mr. Carkesse at the
board.
Drawbacks.

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Newfoundland.
Representation.

Nova Scotia.
Trade.

Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Isle of May &c.

The draught of a repn. [*fo.* 369] to His Majesty about preventing abuses in the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland, which was ordered to be transcribed on Wednesday last, was signed ; as likewise a letter wherewith to transmit the same to Mr. Secry. Stanhope.

Another letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope in answer to his of the 26th of January last [*fo.* 334], relating to the Isle of May, and to Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, was signed.

March 6. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Plantations General.

Jamaica.

Letter from Mr.
Carkesse.
Acts for settling fees.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 383] of yesterdays date, signifying the desire of the Commrs. of His Majesty's Customs to be informed what Acts are passed in Jamaica and other plantations now in force for the settling of fees, and whether the Officers of the Customs are contained therein, was read ; whereupon ordered that search be accordingly made and extracts prepared of such part of any Acts wherein the said Officers fees are settled, in order to be sent to Mr. Carkesse pursuant to his said letter.

Jamaica.
Trade.

Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 1st instant, referring to the Board a memorial [*fo.* 375, 378] from the South Sea Company, relating to an imposition on their negroes by the Assembly of Jamaica, was read ; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Sir James Bateman Sub. Govr. of the said Company to desire him to inform the Board, whether they have anything to add to the said memorial. Further ordered that Mr. Francis March [*fo.* 376] and Mr. Richard Harris be acquainted, that their Lordships desire to speak with them upon this subject, and any other gentlemen lately come from Jamaica at ten of the clock on Thursday morning next.

Mr. March &c.
summoned.

Nevis.

Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Address.
Capitulation.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope of the 1st instant, referring to the Board an address from the Lieut. Govr. Council and Assembly of Nevis to His Majesty with several depositions and other papers relating to the capitulation with the French for that Island in 170 $\frac{5}{8}$, as also another address &c. relating to an engineer, and stores of war wanting there were read.

Address stores of war.

Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Hostages at
Martinique.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope of the 5th October last, with a petition and several papers from two English hostages at Martinique, were likewise read.

Last address to be
re-considered.

Whereupon their Lordships resolved to take the said address &c. relating to an engineer and stores of war, into consideration at the first opportunity.

Capitulation &c.
sent to Sir Nath.
Lloyd.

And as to the address and papers relating to the said capitulation ; ordered that copies of the letter and papers therein referred to, which were sent to Sir Nathaniel Lloyd the 29th of July last, as also of his report thereupon, be now transmitted to him together with the forementioned original address and papers upon the same subject for his opinion upon the whole.

Their Lordships then agreed to set apart Tuesday and Wednesdays for proceeding on plantation business.

Trade.
Representation.
Woollen manufactures.

The draught of a repn. [*fo.* 382] relating to the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom, being laid before the Board, a progress was made in the consideration thereof.

March 7. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

The two letters from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York and New Jersey, dated the 21st of May, and mentioned in the minutes of the 9th [fo. 210] August, and 10th of Novr. last, as also his letter of 25th of July, mentioned in the minutes of the 31st of August [fo. 234], were again read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereto.

Ordered that the Secry. write to Mr. Attorney General, to remind him of the letter writ to him the 6th of Decr. last [fo. 297], and to desire his opinion as soon as may be, upon the Act past at New York the 5th of July, 1715 for a General Naturalization.

Then their Lordships resolved to proceed on Friday next in considering the rest of Brigadier Hunter's letters unanswered.

Sir Wm. Chapman, Mr. Robert Chester, Mr. Fellows &c. Directors of the South Sea Company attending, they were asked, whether the Company had anything to add to the memorial [fo. 372] referred to this Board by Mr. Secry. Stanhope's letter, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, relating to an imposition on their negroes at Jamaica; whereupon they said that their agents, having had a hearing before the Assembly of that Island, the issue of it was yet uncertain; but they desired that if any Act for such imposition should be transmitted hither the same might be repealed or annulled as soon as possible.

Mr. Martyn [fo. 359], Inspector General of His Majesty's Customs, having brought to the Office an account of the Woollen Manufactures, exported from London to foreign countries from Christmas, 1711 to Christmas, 1713 in distinct years pursuant to the letter writ him the 23rd of the last month, the said account was laid before the Board.

March 8. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. March with Mr. Kelly [fo. 372] and other gentlemen lately come from Jamaica, as also Mr. Harris, attending as desired the 6th instant, they were desired to inform the Board what they knew concerning a Vote of the Assembly of that Island, or any Act passing there for laying an imposition upon negroes exported; whereupon they said, they heard that a Bill had passed the said Assembly wherein among other things a duty of 40*sh.* a head was laid on negroes exported, but that by an amendment from the Council it was reduced to 20*sh.* per head, and some of the said gentlemen presented to the Board a memorial [fo. 340] in vindication of the Assembly in this affair, which was read.

Mr. Harris and the forementioned gentlemen further said, they were sorry for such an imposition, but that the necessity of raising money, and the Govr. of Jamaica's recommending it, were reasons for this proceeding; besides that 20*sh.* per head was no higher duty than had been laid on negroes for 20 years, except an interval of the two last years, and that the money arising thereby, was applicable to the supplying what His Majesty's other Revenue there might fall short of the contingent charges of that Government;

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**New York.
New Jersey.**
*Letters from Hunter
&c.*

Answer.

*Letter to Attorney
General.*

*Naturalization
Act.*

*Letters from Hunter
to be considered.*

Jamaica.
*South Sea Company
at the Board.*

Negroes.

Trade.
*Inspector General.
Account.*
Woollen manufactures.

Jamaica.
*Mr. Marsh
and Kelly.*

Duty on negroes.

*Memorial for the
Assembly.*

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that they were not certain whether the said Bill was passed, but that in a few days there might be some account of it by a ship now arrived, which when recd. they promised to communicate to the Board.

March 9. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, in answer to his of the 1st instant, upon a memorial from the Directors of the South Sea Company [*fo.* 372], relating to a Vote of the Assembly of Jamaica for laying a duty upon negroes, exported from that Island, was signed.

Then the letter from Brigadier Hunter Govr. of New York, dated the 12th of Novr. last, was read, and the papers therein referred to laid before the Board, which are as follows, vizt.

- A. List of the Palatines settled on Hudsons River.
- B. Account of Palatines Stores remaining in New York.
- C. Propositions of the five Sachems of Indians to the Commrs. for Indian Affairs at Albany the 2nd Sept., 1715.
- D. Copy of the prepositions by the messengers from the 5 Nations to the Commrs. of the Indian Affairs at Albany the 3rd Octr., 1715, and the Commrs. message thereon to them the 6th Octr.

E. Copy of Cors-Croms letter the 17th Octr., 1715 about the Sesqueshannah Indians.

N.S. Proposal for furnishing the Navy with masts &c.

F. Proceedings in a Court of Admty. relating to the Eagle Brigantine and European goods &c.

G. List of ships and vessels belonging to New York with their mariners.

S.T. Account of stores sold, and remaining in New York &c.

A list of vessels cleared outwards at New York, from the 24th June, 1715, to the 29th Sept. next, following.

A list of vessels entered inwards at New York from 24th June, 1715, to the 29th Sept. next following.

And their Lordships reconsidered his letters [*fo.* 269], dated 13th Augt. and 29th of Sept. both mentioned in the minutes of the 10th Novr., 1715, as likewise that of the 10th Octr. [*fo.* 309] mentioned in the minutes of the 28th Decr. last, which were again read ; and upon Paragraph D of his said letter of 29th of Sept. relating to an appeal upon the condemnation of the Eagle Brigantine at New York ; ordered that the Secry. write to Sir Nathaniel Lloyd [*fo.* 384], His Majesty's Advocate General to be informed whether the said appeal has been yet heard, and if it has, what has been the issue thereof.

Further Ordered that the draught of a repn. be prepared, humbly proposing to His Majesty, that John Johnson Esqr. [*fo.* 384], be appointed of His Majesty's Council in New York, in the room of Samuel Staats Esqr. deceased, according to Brigadier Hunter's recommendation of him.

Upon Paragraph D of the forementioned letter of the 12th Novr. last, relating to presents for the 5 Nations of Indians, a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope to remind him of what this Board writ to him

**Jamaica.
Trade.**

Letter to Mr.

Secretary Stanhope.

Memorial

South Sea Company.

New York.

*Letter from Brigadier
Hunter.*

Papers referred.

Appeal

*Eagle Brigantine.
Sir Nathaniel Lloyd
writ to.*

Representation.

*Mr. Johnson
councillor.*

Presents to Indians.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

[fo. 278] the 18th of that month, on the same subject, and to desire to know His Majesty's Pleasure relating thereto, as likewise about erecting a new fort and augmenting His Majesty's Forces in the province of New York, was signed.

And their Lordships gave directions for preparing a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, upon Paragraph G of Brigadier Hunter's said letter of 12th Novr., 1715 [fo. 384], relating to Naval stores, upon Paragraph I relating to the decrease of the trade of New York to the Spanish Coast, since the peace, whence our ships are kept off by those of the Spaniards and some French under Spanish Comms. &c., and upon Paragraph P, relating to the clothing sent to New York some time ago by General Nicholson.

As to what the Brigadier writes in Paragraph N of the said letter relating to copper money to be coined out of the mines in New York, the Board resolved to consider the same on Wednesday next.

Ordered upon Paragraph O of the same letter, relating to stores of war at New York, that Mr. Champante be desired to attend the Board at ten of the clock on Wednesday morning next.

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*A new fort.
Augmenting forces.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

Naval stores.

*Clothing sent
thither.*

Copper money.

*Stores of war.
Champante
summoned.*

March 13. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Their Lordships made a further progress in considering the draught of a repn. [fo. 374, 392]; relating to the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom, mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant.

General Carpenter attending, and acquainting the Board that Capt. Matthew, Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands desired, leave for six months absence from the said Islands, in order to settle some private affairs, after General Hamilton, His Majesty's Govr. in Chief should arrive there. The Board were pleased to signify to him, that if he wrote their Lordships a letter to that purpose, with the reasons for such desire, the same should be represented to His Majesty.

Trade.
*Representation.
Woollen manufacture.*

Leeward Islands.
*General Carpenter for
Captain Matthew's
absence.*

March 14. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter to Mr. Carkesse [fo. 372] Secretary to the Commrs. of His Majesty's Customs, inclosing an account of what Acts are in this Office for the regulating or establishing of fees in His Majesty's Plantations, as desired by his letter of the 5th instant, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

A representation ordered to be prepared the 9th instant, humbly proposing to His Majesty, that John Johnson Esqr. [fo. 380, 422] be appointed of the Council of New York in the room of Samuel Staats Esqr. deceased, was signed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, ordered at the same time to be prepared, upon what Brigr. Hunter writes relating to our trade in America, to Naval stores and to the clothing [fo. 381, 385] sent to New York by Colonel Nicholson, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Sir Nathaniel Lloyd, His Majesty's Advocate Genl. of the 13th in answer to one writ him the 9th instant [fo. 381],

Plantations General.
*Letter to Mr.
Carkesse.
Acts about fees in the
Plantations.*

New York.
*Representation.
Mr. Johnson
councillor.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

Naval stores &c.

*Letter from Sir
Nathaniel Lloyd.*

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*Appeal
Eagle Brigantine.**Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.*

relating to an appeal upon the condemnation of the Eagle Brigantine at New York was read.

Then their Lordships agreed the draught of a letter to Brigadier Hunter Govr. of New York [*fo.* 385], and ordered the same to be transcribed.

March 15. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

*New York.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Naval stores &c.*

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope upon what Brigr. Hunter writes relating to our trade in America, to Naval stores [*fo.* 384], and to the clothing sent to New York by Colonel Nicholson, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

*Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.*

The draught of a letter to Brigadier Hunter Govr. of New York [*fo.* 384, 387], mentioned likewise in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

March 20. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

*Trade.
Letter from Lord
Townshend.
Treaty of commerce.
Muscovy.*

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend [*fo.* 393], of the 13th instant, referring to this Board the project of a Treaty [*fo.* 395] of Commerce between His Majesty and the Czar of Muscovy, was read, whereupon ordered that the several papers in this Office relating to the Trade of this Kingdom in the Dominions of the Czar, be looked out and laid before the Board. Further ordered that Mr. Goodfellow [*fo.* 391] be desired to attend their Lordships at ten of the clock on Thursday, and the Govr. [*fo.* 393] with any other members of the Muscovia Company at the same hour on Friday morning next.

*Mr. Goodfellow.
Governor and others
summoned.**New Jersey.
Letter from
Brigadier Hunter.*

A letter from Brigadier Hunter to the Board, relating to His Govmt. of New Jersey, dated the 27th Augt., 1714, was read and the Acts and papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board as follows vizt.

Acts.

Twenty three publick and fifteen private Acts passed in New Jersey in 1714, according to the List thereof.

Minutes. Council.

Minutes of Council from the 30th Novr., 1713 to the 17th April, 1714.

*Private Act sent to
Attorney General.*

Whereupon ordered that the Act to naturalize Peter Bard, native of France, be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion in point of Law.

*Answer to
Brigadier Hunter.*

Then the letter from Brigr. Hunter to the Secry. of the 21st May, 1715 (mentioned in the minutes of the 9th of August) as likewise those of the 9th and 14th Novr., 1715, all relating chiefly to the affairs of New Jersey, were likewise read, and directions given for preparing an answer to these [*fo.* 389], as also to that abovementioned to the Board; and in the meantime their Lordships agreed and signed, a postscript to their letter to Brigr. Hunter of the 15th instant [*fo.* 385], upon what he writes in his said letter of the 9th Novr. relating to the failure of an experiment in preparing some trees at New York for tar.

*Leeward Islands.
Letter from
General Carpenter.
Leave for Captain
Matthew's absence.*

A letter from Lt. Genl. Carpenter dated 17th instant, desiring the Board to move that Captain Matthew, Lieut. General of the Leeward Islands &c. may have leave to be absent from thence for 6 months after General Hamilton's arrival there, was read; where-

upon directions were given for preparing a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, signifying that this Board have no objection, why Capt. Matthew may not have His Majesty's leave as desired.

March 21. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, upon General Carpenters desire that Capt. Matthew, Lieutenant Genl. of the Leeward Islands, may have leave to be absent from thence for six months after General Hamilton's arrival in those Islands, was signed.

Ordered that copies of the two Acts passed at New York the 4th of Septr., 1714, entituled, *An Act for shortning of Law Suits, and regulating the practice of the Law*, and *An Act for preventing the Multiplicity of Law Suits*, be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon in point of Law.

Then the draught of an answer to Brigadier Hunters letters, mentioned in yesterday's minutes [*fo.* 387, 392], relating to New Jersey, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope [*fo.* 392], of the 19th with one from the Board of Ordnance to himself, dated the 6th instant, were read and the following papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt.

A list of papers relating to Newfoundland.

1. Representation relating to Newfoundland from the Board of Ordnance to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, a copy whereof was sent to Mr. Horneck, Engineer, for his information, that he might return from thence with his report thereupon, pursuant to His Majesty's Order of the 14th of May, 1715.

2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Draughts of what is humbly proposed by the said engineer for the security of the Harbour of Placentia.

7. Abstract of the present establishment and demand for rebuilding and repairing the old fortification compared with what is now proposed.

8. Abstract of the estimate of the quantity of materials to be sent from hence and New England, and the manner proposed for transporting them thither.

And directions were given for preparing the draught of an answer to Mr. Secry. Stanhope thereupon.

March 22. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Goodfellow, [*fo.* 386] attending, as he had been desired the 20th instant, and being acquainted that their Lordships had under consideration some matters relating to a Treaty of Commerce with Muscovy, and being asked whether he had any particular hardships to complain of, upon our trade there, that might be remedied by a Treaty of Commerce, or whether he had anything to offer that might be of advantage to our trade in those parts, he said, that he was afraid he could not remember particulars, all the letters which he writ when he was Consul in Muscovy, being in the Company's hands, who therefore were better able to give their Lordships

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*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Captain Matthew's
absence.*

New York.
*Two Acts
sent the Attorney
General.*

New Jersey.
*Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Board of Ordnance.*

Papers referred to.

Answer.

Trade.
*Mr. Goodfellow.
Treaty of commerce.
Muscovy.*

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New Jersey.
Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.

Trade.
Representation.
Woollen manufactures.

Newfoundland.
New York.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Placentia.

Trade.
Sir Benjamin
Ayloff about
commerce with the
Czar.

Difficulties.
Grievances.

Letter to Lord
Townshend about
Treaty of commerce
with the Czar.

Bahama Islands.
Order of Council.
Commission and
instructions.
Roger Mostyn.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

Trade.
Representation.
Woollen manufacture.
Bahama Islands.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Commission and
instructions.
Roger Mostyn.

satisfaction than he could, and if their Lordships pleased he would wait on them tomorrow with the said Company—he added that he believed the Muscovites would never come into a Treaty of Commerce advantageous to us, and his reason was, that the Muscovites will not agree that the several species which are in the Czars hands are monopolies, tho' they really are so, and that there are 18 species of such goods.

The draught of a letter to Brigadier Hunter [*fo.* 389], relating to the affairs of New Jersey, ordered yesterday to be transcribed, was signed.

Then their Lordships agreed the draught of a repn. relating to the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom [*fo.* 382, 394], mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant, and ordered the same to be transcribed.

The draught of an answer ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Secry. Stanhope's letter of the 19th instant [*fo.* 389], upon several papers from the Board of Ordnance, about fortifying Placentia, was signed.

March 23. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Sir Benjamin Ayloff Govr. [*fo.* 386] and several other members of the Muscovy Company attending, as desired the 20th instant, they were desired to inform the Board, what they might have to offer, that would be of advantage to their trade, and proper to be stipulated in a Treaty of Commerce with the Czar; whereupon they said, they lay under great difficulties, and had several grievances to complain of [*fo.* 395], which they would draw up and bring their Lordships in writing, but that it would be some time before they could be ready, and the Board pressing that the same might be done with all convenient speed, these gentlemen promised it accordingly.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend [*fo.* 386, 407], giving an account of what has been done by the Board upon his Lordships letter of the 13th instant, relating to the project of a Treaty of Commerce with the Czar, was signed.

An Order of Council of the 10th instant upon a repn. of this Board, of the 14th of Decr., 1715, relating to the Bahama Islands, and requiring the draught of a commn. and instructions to be prepared for Roger Mostyn Esqr. to be Govr. of the said Islands, was read, and directions given for preparing a letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope thereupon.

March 24. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A repn. [*fo.* 392, 396], relating to the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom, agreed the 22nd instant, was signed.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope directed yesterday to be prepared, upon the Order of Council of the 10th instant, relating to a commn. and instructions for Roger Mostyn Esqr. to be Govr. of the Bahama Islands, was signed.

March 26. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison.

Their Lordships took again into consideration the project of a Treaty of Commerce with Muscovy [fo. 386], mentioned in the minutes of the 20th instant; and a letter from the Lord Visct. Townshend of the 2nd of Novr., 1714, referring to the Board some grievances of the British Factors at Riga, with Mr. Mackenzies remarks thereupon, were read; as likewise a letter from the late Lord Bolingbroke of the 18th of July, 1712, and some points proposed by Mr. Whitworth, Her late Majesty's Ambassador to the Czar, about a New Treaty of Commerce; whereupon the Board being informed that the Muscovite Ambassador here is to go away in a few days before which their Lordships Report is desired upon this subject; a letter was writ to Sir Benj. Aylofffe [fo. 393, 398], to press for what the Muscovia Company may have to offer on Wednesday next.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend, wherewith to transmit to His Lordship a copy of the repn. [fo. 394] of this Board to His Majesty, dated the 24th instant, relating to the Woollen Manufacture was signed.

March 27. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope [fo. 409] dated yesterday, signifying His Majesty's Pleasure that some of this Board do forthwith lay before the House of Commons, all papers relating to the Palatines, who were sent to the West Indies, pursuant to their address to His Majesty, was read, and directions given for preparing copies of such of the said papers, as are not already before the House.

Then a list of the names of the Principal commodities exported to Flanders prepared by Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of His Majesty's Customs, was read.

March 28. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Major Caulfield Lieut. Govr. of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, dated the 23rd of Novr. last, was read, and the papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board vizt.

Letter from Mr. Winnet to Major Caulfield Lt. Govr. of Annapolis with a memorial against Captain Armstrong.

Memorial from Mr. Winnet to Major Caulfield complaining of abuses received from Captain Armstrong at Annapolis Royal and praying Major Caulfield's protection.

The following papers, relating to Annapolis Royal and the province of Nova Scotia, were likewise read, vizt.

A letter from Mr. Shirrif, of the 14th Febry., 17¹⁵/₁₈ relating to the necessities which the garrison of Annapolis Royal lies under.

A memorial from Col. Vetch [fo. 358], relating to the state of Annapolis Royal and province of Nova Scotia.

1716.

Trade.

*Treaty of Commerce
Muscovy.*

*Letter from Lord
Townshend.*

*Grievances at Riga.
Mackenzies remarks.
Letter from late Lord
Bolingbroke.*

*Mr. Whitworth's
proposals.*

*Letter to Sir
Benjamin Aylofffe.*

Trade.

*Letter to Lord
Viscount Townshend
with representation
about
woollen manufacture.*

New York.**Miscellanies.**

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

*Papers about
Palatines for the
House of Commons.*

Trade.

*Goods exported to
Flanders.*

Nova Scotia.

*Letter from Major
Caulfield.*

Papers transmitted.

*Letter from
Mr. Shirreff.*

*Memorial from
Colonel Vetch.*

1716.

*Letter from
Mr. Pulteney.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

Trade.
*Mr. Hawys.
Memorial.
Muscovy Company.
Grievances.*

Monopolies.

*The Company to
attend.*

*Letter to Sir
Nathaniel Lloyd.
Article of the project.*

A letter from Mr. Pulteney, His Majesty's Secretary at War, dated the 5th instant, in answer to the letter writ him the 7th Febr. last [fo. 343], relating to the state of Annapolis Royal; whereupon a letter to Mr. Secy. Stanhope upon that from him of the 26th of January, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{5}{8}$, relating to the state of the garrison at Annapolis Royal, was agreed and signed.

Mr. Hawys, Secy. to the Russia [or Muscovia] Company [fo. 395] attending presented to the Board a memorial from Sir Benjamin Ayloffé Govr. in behalf of the said Company, with several heads of grievances in their trade within the Czars Dominions, which they desire may be redressed, and the same were read; and Mr. Hawys being desired to explain the Second Article, relating to monopolies, he said it was intended against all monopolies, as well those arising from the Czars ingrossing several commodities himself, as against the consequent monopolies by one persons buying the whole of any sort of goods from the Czar's Treasury, as a British Factor had lately done that of ising-glass.

Mr. Hawys then acquainting the Board, that the Company or any of their members would be ready to attend their Lordships to explain the forementioned memorial or heads of grievances as might be thought necessary, he was desired to acquaint the Company, that the Board should be glad of speaking with some of their members at ten of the clock tomorrow morning thereupon [fo. 401.]

In the meantime a letter [fo. 400] was writ to Sir Nath. Lloyd His Majesty's Advocate General for his opinion, whether by the 13th Article of the project of a Treaty of Commerce with Muscovy, mentioned in the minutes of the 20th instant, the subjects of the Czar may not pretend to be exempted from Aliens Duties here, should the same take place.

March 29. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiqne, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend [fo. 368], upon the tariff or declaration of the Duties of Import and Export payable in the Austrian Low Countries, transmitted with His Lordship's letter of 28th Febr. was signed, and the original tariff ordered to be returned according to His Lordships desire.

Trade.
*Letter to Lord
Townshend.
Tariff.
Austrian Low
Countries.*
*Sir Nathaniel Lloyd's
answer to query.*
Sir Nathl. Lloyd [fo. 399], His Majesty's Advocate General attending, presented to the Board his answer to the letter writ him yesterday upon the 13th Article of the project of a Treaty of Commerce with Muscovy, which was read.

Muscovy Company.
*Their observations
on grievances.*
Then Sir Joseph Martyn, Mr. Goodfellow [fo. 399] and several other members of the Muscovy Company, attending, as they had been desired, the Articles of the Heads of Grievances in their trade, which they desire may be redressed, as mentioned in yesterday's minutes, were again severally read, and

Article 1st.
Our seamen deserting.
1st. Upon the first Article relating to Our Seamen's deserting the British Service for that of the Czar's; they said, that the Czar now fits out great fleets for war, and gives such encouragements for manning his ships, as are a great temptation to our seamen, tho' indeed he had formerly given directions for returning such of our men as were found on board his ships—

that our voyages to Archangel are not performed in less than a year, and if our men were forced or seduced, the whole voyage for that season would be frustrated, there being no opportunities as in many other parts of Europe to procure men for supplying such loss.

Then the 17th Article of the Treaty of Commerce with Spain concluded in 1667 being read, these gentlemen declared their opinion that such a clause would answer their intent upon this point with the Czar.

Upon the 2nd Article relating to monopolies, they explained themselves to the same purpose, as Mr. Hawys had done yesterday, and further said that the Czar's subjects are not permitted to sell any goods to others till those of the same species in the Czar's own possession, are first sold—that applications had been made against the evil, but ineffectual.

The 9th and 10th Articles of the forementioned project of a Treaty of Commerce with Muscovy being read, the said gentlemen concurred that this head was thereby provided for.

Upon the 3rd Article of the Company's grievances, relating to the establishing of a Braack or Wraak in the Czar's Ports like that of Riga and other places, a clause to be inserted in the said project of a Treaty was read, which the members of the Company approved for that purpose.

In relation to the 4th and 9th Articles, concerning the protection of debtors, and a deposit before Justice could be obtained, they said that formerly there was the quickest and best Justice in Muscovy, but at present disputes are protracted. That within these 7 or 8 years the merchants or Factors complaining have been obliged to deposit 10 per cent., and this last year 20 per cent. of the value in contest for answering the charge of prosecution, which 20 per cent. is never returned by the Czar's officers, but the charge of it falls upon the party cast in the suit—that the Company desire but the same justice as formerly, that the Custom House Books, where all bargains are registered may be allowed as sufficient evidence for them according to ancient practice, without their being obliged to any deposit—and that they may have power to summon their debtors to the place of trade.

As to the 5th Article relating to the Registry of Goods in the Czar's Custom Houses at higher rates than they are bought at. The said gentlemen acquainted the Board that there is annually sent to Archangel a New Commr. of the Customs, who chuses the highest price, which any goods have been bought or sold at, and by that regulates the Czar's duty upon all, tho' in Moscow, bargains for the same commodity, have been made at different prices, and where goods have been bought by some of our merchants at the lower prices, the vendors upon finding entries of higher rates at the Custom House, have obliged the buyers to pay them the surplus according to those rates; wherefore the Company desired yt. the exact prices which all goods were bona fide bought at in Muscovy, and no higher, might be registered in the Custom Houses there.

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*17th Article.
Treaty commerce.
Spain 1667.*

*Article 2nd
Monopolies.*

*Provided for by the
Treaty.*

*Article 3rd.
A Braack.*

in the Project.

*Article 4 and 9:
Protection of debtors.
Deposit.*

*Article 5th.
Registry of goods.*

1716.

*Provided for by the
project.**Articles 6th and 7th.
Pilots
Port charges.**Article 8th.
Contracts.**Provided for by the
project.**Article 10th.
Quartering soldiers.**Article 11th.
Seizing books and
goods.**Articles 12th, 14th,
15th.
Coin.**Carrying goods to
Inland towns.**Provided for by the
project.**Article 13th.
Want of warehouses.**Article 16.
Exemption from
taxes and excise.**Article 17th.
Different weights.**Trade.
Letter to Lord
Townshend.
Treaty of commerce.
Muscovy.*

It being thereupon observed that the 9th and 10th Articles of the foresaid project, provide in part against this complaint, these gentlemen acquiesced therein.

Upon the 6th and 7th Articles relating to pilots and port charges, the members of the Company said that the Office of the former was farmed out by the Govrs. &c. who did not maintain a sufficient number of pilots, and as to the port charges they said, that former orders given upon that subject had not been complied with, whereupon they were acquainted that some of these and other grievances might properly be redressed upon application by His Majesty's Minister.

In regard to the 8th Article of the Company's grievances concerning liberty to contract and to register such contracts as bonds, it was agreed, upon reading the 8th and 10th Articles of the foresaid project, that they provide against this inconvenience.

Upon the 10th Article relating to the quartering of soldiers, they said that some, particularly the Tobacco Merchants, were exempt from that burthen; but that others had once been turned out of their houses for the Czars Troops.

The 11th Article against seizing the books and goods of Factors without legal tryal being considered, some members of the Company said they knew an instance of that kind, whereupon the 31st Article of the Treaty of Commerce concluded with Spain in 1667, was read, and 'twas agreed that such an Article in the present project with the Czar would be proper to remedy the evil here complained.

As to the 12th, 14th and 15th Articles relating to coin and the liberty of carrying goods from the ports of importation to inland towns and places in the Czar's Dominions, it was observed that these are provided for by the 7th, 9th, 10th and 13th Articles of the foresaid project.

With regard to the 13th Article of the Company's grievances, which relates to the want of warehouses, which since the increase of trade were not sufficient, whereupon they desired liberty might be obtained for them either to hire others or build their own warehouses.

Upon the 16th Article relating to British subjects continuing exempt from taxes and excise in the Czar's Dominions, these gentlemen said they were at present exempt, and desired only to continue so.

As to the 17th Article, they said that the Muscovites buy frequently by one weight and sell by another, which they desire may be redressed.

March 30. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend [*fo.* 393], in answer to his Lordships. of the 13th instant [*Jour. S. fol.* 19], upon the project of a Treaty of Commerce with Muscovy, mentioned in yesterday's minutes was drawn up and signed.

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April 10. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend [fo. 266, 410] of the 4th instant, relating to the importation of British herrings at Hamburg, together with the following papers thereby referred to the Board for their opinion thereupon were read vizt.

Traduction de l'Extrait du protocol de Hamburg le 3me d' Avril, 1716.

Extracts of a letter from Mr. Wich, His Majesty's resident at Hamburg to my Lord Viscount Townshend 3rd April, 1716.

Extracts of a letter from Mr. Wich to Lord Townshend dated the 7th April, 1716.

Copy of a project for a Convention for the Herring Trade.

Mr. Campbell, member of Parliament for Glasgow, attending, their Lordships had some discourse with him concerning the Herring Fishery on that Coast and the aforementioned project of a Convention with Hamburg; whereupon he said, that the herrings caught before the 24th of June were much better than those taken after, the early herrings being so fat as not to be well cured without foreign salt—that there were no great quantities caught before that time, the day prescribed by Act of Parliament in Scotland for beginning the Fishery being the 10th of June, tho' they do not ordinarily begin before the 20th, till when the herrings come not into the Loughs and that it was a chance if one ship load were taken before the 1st of July—that the Dutch have a great advantage over our fishermen in the west of Scotland, the former having many vessels employed in the Fishery on the north coast, where they join all in partnership and can much sooner make up a cargo amongst so many, and by being above 100 leagues nearer to Hamburg &c. could supply those parts with the first herrings. However Mr. Campbell was intirely of opinion it was necessary, we should have the liberty without restriction of importing herrings into Hamburg, which should be proved to be good, and that it was unreasonable to be obliged to produce certificates there of the herrings being caught after the 24th of June, as is now the practice, since for the goodness of fish, there were better taken before yt. time.

Then their Lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to the Lord Viscount Townshend's letter before mentioned.

The copies of several papers [fo. 396] with a list thereof, relating to the Palatines sent to the West Indies, which were required by Mr. Secry. Stanhopes letter of the 26th and mentioned in the minutes of the 27th instant to be laid before the House of Commons pursuant to their address of the 24th of this month, being prepared; the same were taken by Mr. Cokburne in order to lay them before the House accordingly.

April 12. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

The draught of a letter ordered to be prepared the 10th to the Lord Viscount Townshend, in answer to His Lordships of the 4th instant [fo. 407], relating to the project of a Convention with Hamburg, about the importation of herrings there, was agreed and signed.

Trade.
Letter from Lord Viscount Townshend. Herring trade at Hamburg. Papers relating thereto.

Mr. Campbell. Member of Parliament for Glasgow. Herring trade between Scotland and Hamburg.

Act of Parliament in Scotland.

Advantage of the Dutch in the herring fishery.

Answer to Lord Townshend's letter.

New York. Miscellanies.
Papers about the Palatines laid before the House of Commons.

Trade.
Letter to Lord Townshend. Herring trade to Hamburg.

1716.

Jamaica.
*Letters from Lord
 Archibald Hamilton
 and papers.*

April 17. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The letters from the Lord Archibald Hamilton Govr. of Jamaica [fo. 415], of the following dates were severally read, and the respective papers therein referred to were laid before the Board, vizt.

The letter from His Lordship dated the 26th of April, 1715, mentioned in the minutes of 27th June last.

His Lordships letter of the 2nd of July, 1715 with

Account of goods exported from Jamaica from 29th Sept., 1713 to 25th March, 1715 and of goods and negroes imported.

Account of some disputes between the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Govr. of Jamaica, and Mr. Keith, Surveyor General of the Customs.

The letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton of the 30th Augt., 1715.

The letter from His Lordship dated 14 Novr., 1715 with

Minutes of the Council of Jamaica of the 11th and 12th of Novr., 1715 in relation to the money disbursed by the Govr. and Council for subsistence to the soldiers.

An Account current of money disbursed by the Govr. and Council of Jamaica for the subsistence of the soldiers from the 1st May, 1714 to the 13th Novr., 1715.

An estimate of His Majesty's Revenue of Jamaica for the year 1715.

A proclamation requiring the oaths to be tendered and published in Jamaica the 31st Octr., 1715.

Copy of an address to His Majesty from the Govr. and Council of Jamaica 4th Novr., 1715.

List of the Militia of Jamaica taken the 1st Novr., 1715.

Extracts of the minutes of Assembly from the 31st Octr., 1715 to the 11th of Novr. following.

And His Lordships letter of the 28th Novr., 1715.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of an answer to His Lordships said letters.

Ordered that the draught of a letter be likewise prepared to Mr. Secry. Stanhope to remind him of what the Board writ the 17th of February [fo. 353, 414] last, relating to the proceedings of the Assembly of Jamaica about the subsistence of His Majesty's Forces there, &c., and to know if His Majesty's Pleasure has been yet declared thereupon.

*Answer to be
 prepared.*

*Letter to Mr.
 Secretary Stanhope
 about
 proceedings of the
 Assembly and
 subsistence of the
 forces.*

April 18. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of a letter ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, upon what the Board writ him the 17th of February last [fo. 413, 421], relating to the proceedings of the Assembly of Jamaica, with particular regard to the subsistence of His Majesty's Forces there, was agreed and signed.

Jamaica.
*Letter to Mr.
 Secretary Stanhope.
 Proceedings of
 Assembly subsistence
 of Forces.*

A memorial [fo. 355] from several planters and merchants concerned in Jamaica intituled, *a Vindication of the said Island and the Assembly thereof, against the repn. of the Lord Archibald Hamilton*, mentioned in the minutes of the 21st of February last, was read, and the papers therein referred to laid before the Board, vizt.

A. Extracts of some minutes of the Assembly of Jamaica.

B. Extracts of some minutes of the Assembly of Jamaica.

C. A Copy of my Lord Hamilton's letter to Col. Clark.

D. Report of Engineer Hawkins to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, Govr. of Jamaica, relating to the ill state of the fortifications.

E. Engineer Hawkins's account of repairs and stores &c. wanting for the fortifications at Port Royal, dated the 21st Decr., 1713.

Then the draught [fo. 411, 416], of an answer to the late letters from the Lord Archd. Hamilton, Govr. of Jamaica, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

April 19. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of an answer [fo. 415] to the late letters from the Lord Archibald Hamilton Govr. of Jamaica ordered yesterday to be transcribed, was signed.

April 20. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

An Order [fo. 419] of a Committee of Council dated 17th April, 1716, referring to the Board a Bill from Ireland relating to the flaxen and hempen manufactures in that Kingdom, was read, together with the said Bill, whereupon some directions were given for preparing the draught of a report to the Lords of the said Committee, and in the mean time ordered that Mr. Stephenson [fo. 418], who solicits the affairs of Ireland, be desired to attend the Board at ten of the clock on Monday morning next.

Ordered likewise that a letter [fo. 423] be writ to Mr. Martyn, Inspector Genl. of His Majesty's Customs for an account of what foreign linens and calicoes have been re-exported to Ireland for the two or three last years; and another letter to Mr. Lowndes [fo. 426] Secry. to the Treasury for an account of the duties now paid upon calicoes printed or stained in this Kingdom, and the gross produce of those duties for the last year.

A letter from Mr. Lowther Govr. of Barbadoes, dated the 30th of Decr. last, was read, and the copy of one from him to the Govr. of Havana referred to therein was laid before the Board; whereupon a repn. to His Majesty proposing Wm. Carter Esqr. to be constituted a member of His Majesty's Council in the said Island, according to Mr. Lowther's recommendation of him to supply the present vacancy by the death of Mr. Pilgrim, was drawn up and signed.

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Memorial from several Planters and Merchants in vindication of the Assembly and against Lord Hamilton. Papers therein referred to.

Letter to Lord Archibald Hamilton.

Jamaica.
Letter to Lord Archibald Hamilton.

Ireland.
Order of a Committee of Council upon an Irish Bill about hempen and flaxen manufacture. Draught of report. Mr. Stephenson summoned.

Letter to Mr. Martyn Inspector General for account of linen and calicoes re-exported to Ireland.

Trade.

Letter to Mr. Lowndes.

Duties on printed or stained calicoes.

Barbadoes.

Letter from Mr. Lowther with copy of one to the Governor of Havana. Representation proposing new Counsellor.

1716.

Ireland.

*Mr. Stephenson.
Bill
hempen and flaxen
manufactures.*

to attend again.

April 23. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Stephenson attending [*fo.* 417], as he had been desired the 20th instant, in relation to the Bill transmitted from Ireland concerning the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, their Lordships had some discourse with him thereupon, and he being asked the reason for doubling the præmium during the first ten years of the term mentioned in the said Bill for exporting sail cloth, or canvas of the manufacture of that Kingdom ; he said he was not at present prepared to give their Lordships an acct. of it, but promised to inform himself and attend the Board again on Wednesday.

April 26. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Ireland.
*Report on Bill about
hempen and flaxen
manufactures.*

The draught of a report [*fo.* 416 ; v. *Infra*] in answer to the Order of the Lords of the Committee appointed to consider of the Bills from Ireland, relating to one of the said Bills, about the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures mentioned in the minutes of the 20th instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

April 27. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

Ireland.
*Report on Irish Bill
about
flaxen and hempen
manufactures.*

The draught of a report [v. *Supra*] agreed yesterday, in answer to the Order of the Lords of the Committee appointed to consider of the Bills from Ireland, relating to one of the said Bills about the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, was signed.

May 1. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Virginia.
*2 Anonymous letters
complaints against
the Governor.*

Two anonymous letters from Virginia, the one dated the 7th of Feby. last, with several queries by way of complaint against Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Govr. of that Colony, the other without date, inclosing several resolves of the Assembly there against him, were read ; whereupon ordered that the Secry. transmit copies thereof to Col. Spotswood for his answer and observations upon ym.

*Copies thereof sent
him and*

Colonel Blakiston.

Colonel Blakiston, Agent for Virginia, attending and desiring copies of the forementioned papers against Col. Spotswood, ordered that he have copies accordingly.

New England.
New Governor.

Two letters from Mr. Secry. Stanhope, of the 21st of April, 1716 signifying His Majesty's having been pleased to appoint Col. Shute [*fo.* 431] to be Govr. of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, and requiring the draughts of commns. and instructions to be prepared for him for those Governments, were read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing the said draughts accordingly.

*Commissions and
instructions
to be prepared.*

Rhode Island.
*Order of Council on
Mr. Partridge's
petition about
Militia Rhode Island.
Letter to
Attorney General.*

An Order of Council of the 28th of April, 1716, upon the petition of Mr. Partridge, agent for Rhode Island, agst. a clause in the commn. for the Govnt. of the Massachusetts Bay, about commanding the Militia of Rhode Island, was read ; whereupon the draught of a letter from the Secry. [*fo.* 427] to Mr. Attorney General, relating to that matter was agreed and ordered to be sent.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 24th April, 1716, signifying the directions that have been given upon the Board's letters to him of the 18th of the same month [*fo.* 414], and 17th Feby. last, relating to the proceedings of the Assembly of Jamaica and the subsistence of His Majesty's Forces there, was read.

Mr. Byrd, Receiver General of Virginia, attending, presented to the Board a memorial [*fo.* 422] against an Act passed in that Colony in 1663, relating to foreign debts, which memorial was read, and their Lordships resolved to take the same again into consideration at the first opportunity.

May 2. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiq, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 10th of March upon a repn. of this Board [*fo.* 339] of the 2nd of Feby., 17¹⁵/₆, for appointing Wm. Broderick Esqr. to be a member of His Majesty's Council of Jamaica upon the resignation of Francis Oldfeild Esqr. was read.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 6th of April, 1716, upon a repn. of this Board of the 14th of March foregoing for appointing John Johnson Esqr. [*fo.* 384] a member of His Majesty's Council of New York, upon the death of Samuel Staats Esqr. was read.

Their Lordships then took again into consideration Mr. Byrd's memorial [*fo.* 421] mentioned in yesterday's minutes relating to an Act passed in Virginia in 1663 concerning foreign debts, whereupon ordered that the Secry. write to him [*fo.* 425] and desire Mr. Byrd will give their Lordships some instance, wherein the said Act has been made use of to the prejudice of creditors, or if he has lately had any complaints against it.

A letter from Mr. Micklethwaite, one of the Agents of Barbadoes to the Secry., dated the 9th of the last month, desiring that an act passed in that Island the 5th of July, 1715, for appointing agents to transact and negotiate the affairs of the said Island, may be laid before His Majesty for his approbation, was read, and their Lordships observing that some parts of the said Act are not so intelligible, as they ought to be, they agreed not to lay the said Act before His Majesty for the present.

An account from Mr. Martyn [*fo.* 417], Inspector General of His Majesty's Customs, shewing the species and quantities of foreign linens and calicoes annually re-exported from this Kingdom to Ireland from Christmas, 1712 to Christmas, 1715, was read.

May 3. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiq, Mr. Molesworth.

The following letters from Col. Spotswood, Lt. Govr. of Virginia, to the late Board of Trade, were severally read, and the papers therein referred to, laid before their Lordships, now present, vizt.

A letter from him dated the 2nd and 10th of June, 1713.

Copy of the account of the Revenue of two shillings per hhd. &c. ending the 25th April, 1713.

1716.

Jamaica.

Mr. Secretary Stanhope's answer to Board's letters about proceedings of the Assembly &c.

Virginia.

Mr. Byrd's memorial against Act about foreign debts.

Jamaica.

New Councillor. Order and representation.

New York.

New Councillor. Order and representation.

Virginia.

Byrd's memorial. Act about foreign debts. Letter to him thereupon.

Barbadoes.

Letter from Mr. Micklethwaite. Act about agents.

Ireland.

Inspector Generals account of linens &c. re-exported to Ireland.

Virginia.

Letters from the Lieutenant Governor to the late Board with other papers.

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Minutes of the Council from 18th August to 9th Decr., 1712.

Minutes of the Council from 5th March, 17 $1\frac{2}{3}$ to the 10th June, 1713.

Proclamation from Decr., 1712, to the 10th of June, 1713.

Letter from Col. Spotswood, Lt. Govr. of Virginia, dated 17th of August, 1713.

Address from the Govr. and Council of Virginia to Her Majesty, upon the conclusion of the Peace.

Letter from Col. Spotswood Lieut. Govr. of Virginia, dated the 29th of Decr., 1713.

Copy of an Act declaring what shall be accounted a sufficient seating, planting, cultivating and improving of lands, already granted or hereafter to be taken up and patented.

Copy of an Act for preventing frauds in Tobacco payments and for the better improving the staple of Tobacco.

Whereupon their Lordships resolved to take the said Acts into consideration at the first opportunity, and ordered the instructions and other papers relating to seating and planting of lands in Virginia [fo. 426] to be laid before the Board tomorrow morning.

May 4. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

A report from the Commrs. of the excise to the Lords of the Treasury, with an account [fo. 417] of the gross produce of the duties on calicoes &c. for the year ending the 24th of June, 1715, was read.

Trade.
*Report from the
 Excise Office to the
 Treasury.*
Duties on calicoes &c.
Virginia.
Letter from Mr. Byrd.
*Act about foreign
 debts.*

A letter from Mr. Byrd in answer to the Secrys. letter of ye 2nd instant [fo. 422] relating to an Act of Virginia about foreign debts, and promising to give their Lordships a full account of that matter in a few days, was read.

Instructions &c.
about
planting of land
to be considered.

The instructions and other papers relating to the seating and planting of lands in Virginia [fo. 425] being laid before the Board according to Order, their Lordships resolved to proceed in the consideration thereof on Monday morning next.

May 7. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

Their Lordships proceeded as resolved the 4th instant, to consider the several papers relating to the seating and planting of lands in Virginia [fo. 426], and the Act passed in that colony in Decr., 1713 intituled, *An Act declaring what shall be accounted a sufficient seating, planting, cultivating and improving of lands already granted or hereafter to be taken up and patented*, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Byrd, receiver General of Virginia, be desired to attend the Board by ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

Virginia.
*Act &c. about seating
 and planting of land
 considered.*

Mr. Byrd summoned.

**Massachusetts
 Bay.**
Rhode Island.
*Command of Militia
 there.*
*Letter from Mr.
 Attorney General.*

Mr. Attorney General's Answer [fo. 421] to the letter writ him the 1st instant upon a clause in the Commn. for the Govnt. of the Massachusetts Bay about ye command of the Militia of Rhode Island, was read; whereupon their Lordships agreed the clause in the draught of a commn. now preparing for Col. Shute relating thereto.

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May 8. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Byrd attending as he had been desired, their Lordships had some discourse with him in relation to the two undermentioned Acts passed in Virginia in Decr., 1713, vizt. [*fo. 436*] the *Act declaring what shall be accounted a sufficient seating, planting, cultivating and improving of lands already granted, or hereafter to be taken up and patented*; and the *Act for preventing frauds in tobacco payments and for the better improving the staple of tobacco*; upon the first of which he said, that by barren land was meant, such as was neither fit for corn nor tobacco, but served only for pasture—that the swamps were only capable of being made fit for mowing, being not proper for tobacco, after all the trouble and expence of draining—that there is little land now left in Virginia unpatented which is fit for tobacco, and where there are swamps or marshes within the limits of any grant, they are esteemed part of the said grant, and he thought the draining the proportion of such swamp prescribed by the Act was reasonable to prevent the lapsing of so much other land, as the same Act directs—And as to the indulgence of five years given to persons for cultivating lands taken up and surveyed but not patented before the pleasure of the Crown was known in relation to the granting of land, he said he thought it very just for the reasons set forth in the Act.

Upon the said Act [*fo. 435, 443*] for *preventing frauds in tobacco payments &c.* Mr. Byrd said he was in hopes it might have done good by improving the staple of tobacco, but that since the Agents mentioned in this Act were appointed, he had been an eye witness, that the tobacco from Virginia was worse than formerly—that as to the payment of debts that part was very reasonable, but that it was a great hardship on proprietors of tobacco, who had no occasion to make payments with it in Virginia to be obliged to bring it to publick warehouses and pay too for that trouble, the same being a tax chiefly to maintain such a number of officers; for that interest would oblige the planters to make the tobacco as good as they could which they had no occasion to pass in payment. Their Lordships then ordered a copy of the last mentioned Act to be delivered to Mr. Byrd for his observations thereupon, which on their desire he promised to bring in a few days.

He further acquainted the Board in relation to the Act about foreign debts in Virginia mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant, that there had been two instances of that Act being pleaded in prejudice of creditors, one of which instances happened about 4 years ago by a person who was shipwrecked, and coming naked on shore was relieved by Mr. Perry and sent to Virginia, after which the same person pleaded this Act in barr of Mr. Perry's claim for what he supplied him with—and that another instance of this kind happened in 1713, which he said a gentleman now attending was ready to confirm to their Lordships.

The draughts of comms. [*fo. 431*] for Col. Shute to be Govr. of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire being laid before the Board their Lordships agreed the draught of a letter to Mr. Seery. Stanhope for inclosing the same and ordered it to be transcribed.

Virginia.

2 Acts.

Mr. Byrd's thoughts thereon.

Act about tobacco payment given Mr. Byrd for his observations. his opinion on the Act about foreign debts.

New England.

Draughts of commissions for new Governor.

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Barbadoes.
Order on
representation
confirming an Act
about
Lucie Blackman.

New England.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
New commissions.

Barbadoes.
Order on Sir Edward
Ernley's petition
about
Mr. Colleton's
supplying present
vacancy in the
Council.
Copy thereof sent
Sir John Colleton's
agent.

Trade.
Report about duties
on
Brunswick linens.

Papers therein
referred to.

Virginia.
Maryland.
Merchants petition
against Virginia Act
about Indian trade.

Mr. Perry &c.
summoned.

May 10. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 10th of March, 17¹⁵₁₀ upon a repn. of the 15th of December, 1715 [*fo.* 301] for confirming and Act passed in Barbadoes relating to the Estate of John Lucie Blackman Esqr. was read.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope agreed the 8th instant, where-with to transmit to him the draughts [*fo.* 430, 420] of commns. for Col. Shute to be Govr. of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire was signed [*Jour. S. fol.* 5.]

An Order of Council [*Jour. S. fol.* 5] of the 28th of the last month upon the petition of Sir Edward Ernly in behalf of John Colleton Esqr., praying that the latter may supply the present vacancy in the Council of Barbadoes, was read; whereupon ordered that a copy of the said petition be sent to Mr. Robert Hardisty Agent for Sir John Colleton, who has formerly appeared against the said Mr. Colletons being of the Council of that Island, for what Sir John may have to offer in relation to this matter at ten of the clock on Tuesday morning next.

The copy of a report from the Commrs. of the Customs to the Lords of the Treasury dated ye 27th instant relating to the duties on Brunswick Linens being received from the Treasury, the same was read, and the follg. papers therein referred to vizt.

A. Repn. or memorial about Hanover Linen.

B. Copy of the Report of the Officers of the Customs, relating to the duties on Brunswick Linens dated the 17th of April, 16.

C. Copy of the Commrs. of the Customs Report of 13th March, 1715 about the Duties on Hamells or Brunswick Linens.

The petition of several merchants and inhabitants trading to and residing in Virginia and Maryland against an Act of Virginia concerning the Indian trade, [*fo.* 437, 442] was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Micajah Perry [*Jour. S. fol.* 8] be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him, and any other persons concerned in Virginia, whom he shall think fit, in relation to the said Act at ten of the clock on Tuesday morning next.

Then their Lordships proceeded in considering the letters from Col. Spotswood Lieut. Govr. of Virginia, whereof those dated the 16th November, 1713 and 9th of March, 17¹³₁₄ were read and directions given for looking out the Acts referred to in the last of them, to be laid before the Board at the next meeting.

May 11. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Virginia.
Acts.

The Acts passed in Virginia in 1713, referred to in Col. Spotswood's letter of the 9th March, 17¹³₁₄ were according to order laid before the Board with another Act passed in that Colony in 1712, intituled *An Act to prevent land lapsing from infants for not seating and planting, or not paying quit rents untill three years after they come of age*, which last Act was read.

After which their Lordships agreed the draught of a repn. upon the Order of Council of the 18th Octr. last, referring to the Board, the further petition of Capt. Walton relating to his going with one of His Majesty's Ships of war appointed to touch at the Virgin Islands, and to a gratification for his services &c. and ordered the said draught to be transcribed.

May 15. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doerninque, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A memorial from Sir John Colleton against Mr. Colleton's being appointed a member of His Majesty's Council in Barbadoes, was read; whereupon ordered that the Secry. transmit a copy of the said memorial to Mrs. Ernle who solicits in behalf of Mr. Colleton and acquaint her that after the holidays, the Board will appoint a day to hear what she may have to offer thereupon by Council, or otherwise as she shall think fit.

Mr. Byrd attending and being asked some questions in relation to the Act passed in Virginia in 1713, entitled *An Act for preventing frauds in tobacco payments* [fo. 429] and for the better improving the staple of tobacco he said, that besides the great expence in carrying tobacco to the storehouses settled by that Act where for the 1st 3 months the charge was 1*sh.* per head the allowance given by it of 8 per ct. or 5*sh.* per hogshead, for viewing and examining the tobacco, was a great hardship upon the planters; that there had been but one crop of tobacco brought to this Kingdom since the said Act took effect, than which, he said, there never came worse; so that there was no appearance of any more care taken by the Agents, than formerly by private persons—that the province of Maryland having no such Act and being free from the like impositions, would make their tobacco about 10 per cent. cheaper than Virginia—that the power given by the said Act to the Govr. to appoint Agents, is unlimited and therefore their number may exceed that both of Council and Assembly, when he pleases; the former being but 12 and the latter 51, whereby the Govr. might have a greater influence over the Council as well as Assembly, than might be consistent with His Majesty's Service and the good of the Colony. He added further that the Act creates a new felony, for putting bad tobacco into any hhds. after the same has been examined, which the Govnt. of Virginia have no authority to do—That the short and broken leaves that cannot be tied in bundles, are not allowed to be brought hither, which the merchants here, would be glad it should, since that tobacco is as good as any other and by this means the import of tobacco is in some measure lessened.

Then the Act passed in Virginia in 1713, entitled *An Act* [fo. 428, 452] declaring what shall be accounted a sufficient seating, planting, cultivating, and improving of lands already granted or hereafter to be taken up and patented, was read, and their Lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a repn. for laying the same before His Majesty for His Royal approbation.

Mr. Perry, nor any of the Virginia merchants attending, as expected in relation to the Act of that Colony, concerning the

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Virgin Islands.

*Representation on
Order of Council.
Captain Walton's
petition.
Gratification for his
services &c.*

Barbadoes.

*Sir John Colleton's
memorial against
Mr. Colleton's being
of the Council.
sent Mrs. Ernle.*

Virginia.

*Mr. Byrd's
observations on
Tobacco Act.*

Virginia.
Act.*Representation.***Virginia.**
Act*about Indian trade.*

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*Mr. Offley &c.
summoned.*

Indian trade [*fo.* 432, 444]; ordered that Mr. Henry Offley be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him at ten of the clock on Thursday morning next, and any other of the gentlemen, who signed the petition on that subject, mentioned in the minutes of the 10th instant.

Leeward Islands.
Virgin Islands.
Representation.
Walton's petition.

A repn. ordered at the last meeting to be transcribed upon Capt. Walton's petition relating to the Virgin Islands &c. was signed.

Jamaica.*Letter from
Mr. Blair.*

A letter from Mr. Blair, speaker of the Assembly of Jamaica, dated the 8th of Febry., 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, with their thanks to the Board for recommending to His Majesty the Acts of that Island [*fo.* 141], about quieting possessions and settling fees, was read.

May 16. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Virginia.
*Several letters from
Colonel Spotswood
with papers referred
to.*

The following letters from Col. Spotswood, Lieutenant Govr. of Virginia were severally read, and the respective papers therein referred to laid before the Board vizt.

A letter of Col. Spotswood dated the 25th of Octr., 1714, signifying his having with all due solemnity proclaimed King George according to directions from the late Lord Bolingbroke, and to his having been to settle the Indians and quiet the frontiers.

Letter from Col. Spotswood to the Secretary, dated the 26th Novr., 1714, relating to Mr. Berkeley's precedence in the Council of Virginia &c.

Copy of a Minute of Council of Virginia of the 4th Novr., 1714, with a letter from the Council of Virginia to this Board, relating to Mr. Berkeley's being a member of the said Council.

A letter from Col. Spotswood, to the Board dated the 1st Decr., 1714.

Copy of an address from the Lt. Govr. and Council of Virginia to the King upon His accession to the Throne.

Copy of an address from the Council and Assembly of Virginia to the King upon His accession to the Throne.

Copy of an address from the Assembly of Virginia to the Lieut. Govr. Novr. 25th, 1714.

Copy of the Lieut. Govrs. speech to the Assembly of Virginia, the 17th Novr., 1714.

Minutes of the Council from the 30th of July to the 4th Novr., 1714.

A letter from Col. Spotswood dated the 27th of January, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Account of His Majesty's Revenue of 2*sh.* per hogshead &c. in Virginia from 25th April to the 25th Octr., 1714.

Reasons offered by the Receiver Genl. of Virginia against the 6th Article of the New Scheme for collecting the quit rents there and the Govrs. answer thereto.

State of the publick tobacco accounts.

Account of Births and Burials in Virginia from the 20th April to the 20th Octr., 1714.

List of the present Officers &c. in Virginia, anno, 1714.

Proclamation for a General Thanksgiving in Virginia, the 25th Novr., 1714.

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Minutes of Council in Virginia from the 18th Novr., 1714 to the 24th Decr. following.

Minutes of Council in Assembly of Virginia, from the 16th Novr., 1714 to the 24th Decr. following.

Minutes of the Assembly of Virginia, from the 16th Novr., 1714 to the 24th Decr. following.

Seventeen Acts passed in Virginia the 24th Decr., 1714.

Letter from Col. Spotswood of the 28th of March, 1715.

Letter from him dated the 4th of June, 1715.

Letter from Col. Spotswood, dated the 24th Octr., 1715.

Copys of several proclamations issued in Virginia in 1715.

State of the publick tobacco accounts from Christmas, 1714, to 7th of Sepr., 1715.

Minutes of Council from 23rd of Febr., 17 $\frac{1}{6}$ to 6th Sepr., 1715.

Minutes of Council in Assembly from the 3rd of Aug. to 3rd Sepr., 1715.

Minutes of the Assembly from Aug. 3rd, 1715, to 7th Sepr. following.

An Act requiring the Vestry of the Parish of Henrico to build a Chappel in the said Parish.

An Act for raising a publick Levy.

An Act for the encouragement of such persons, as have gone and shall go voluntarily into the Service of South Carolina.

Letter from Colonel Spotswood dated the 16th of Febr., 17 $\frac{1}{6}$.

Proposals for determining the controversy about the Bounds between Virginia and South Carolina.

Which proposals relating to the Bounds between Virginia and Carolina, their Lordships resolved to take into consideration at the first opportunity, and to reconsider what Col. Spotswood writes in Par. D of his last mentioned letter relating to a fort in the Indian Country, when the Act relating to the Indian trade shall be considered, after which their Lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of an answer [*fo.* 455] to Col. Spotswood's foresaid letters.

Answer to be prepared.

May 17. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

Mr. Offley, attending as he had been desired, and being asked if he had anything to add to the petition signed by himself and several others against the Virginia Act, concerning the Indian trade [*fo.* 432], mentioned in the minutes of the 10th instant, he said that petition contained the substance of what they had to offer, which he hoped their Lordships would think sufficient to induce them to lay the said Act before His Majesty for his disapprobation. And he added that before this Act the Indian trade was not limited but carried on by any that would undertake it, that there was formerly about a 100 of those Indian traders, but that now the number is restrained to 17 or 18, who are named by the Govr. and are an exclusive Company, none of the former traders being admitted, that they are by the Act limited to trade at one single place called Christiana, that he

Virginia.
Mr. Offley in relation to his petition against Indian trade Act.

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Virginia.
Mr. Offley's opinion
on Tobacco Act.

and his friends had sent over to Virginia considerable parcels of goods for that trade, but there being but one buyer of their goods (the said Company) they must lose at least 50 per cent. if they sell them there, or bring them back, which would be an equal loss to them.

He desired to draw
up his thoughts in
writing.

Indian Trade Act
to be considered.

Their Lordships then asked his opinion of the *Act for preventing frauds in tobacco payments, and for the better improving the staple of tobacco* [fo. 429] passed in 1713, whereupon he said, that he believed the intention of the Act was good, but that there were inconveniencies as well as conveniencies in it, as to the conveniencies, he thought that if due care was taken, it would prevent frauds in false packing the hhd's., and the sending over of trash, as has frequently been done; that since the passing this Act the tobacco has been better packed than formerly: as to the inconveniencies of the Act the charge for viewing and bringing the tobacco to the warehouses was a great burthen upon that trade, besides that the method of bundling the tobacco, as prescribed by the Act, bruises and endamages it. He did not think that Maryland would get any advantage over Virginia in consequence of this Act, by reason of the difference in tobacco in each Province. However upon the whole he thought that with some additions and alterations the Act might be rendered usefull to the tobacco trade; whereupon he was desired to draw up his thoughts in writing and lay them before the Board the next week, which he promised to do accordingly.

After he was withdrawn, their Lordships read the forementioned Act relating to the Indian trade [fo. 437, 451] and finding some difference in it from what Mr. Offley had observed, resolved to take it into further consideration at the first opportunity.

Jamaica.
Papers laid before
the Board by Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.

May 19. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

Mr. Secretary Stanhope coming to the Board [fo. 455] he laid before their Lordships the following papers, vizt.

1. Extract of a letter to the Marquis de Monteleon from Juan Francisco del Valle dated at Jamaica 18th March, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$.
2. A list of vessels comissioned by his Excellency the Lord Archibald Hamilton.
3. Copy of Don Juan del Valle's memorial to the Govr. of Jamaica in Spanish and English.
4. Copy of Don Juan del Valle's memorial to the Marquis de Monteleon in Spanish.
5. Extract of a letter from Captain Balchen of the Diamond to Mr. Burchet, dated at the Nore the 13th May, 1716.
6. Affidavit of Samuel Page 15th of May, 1716.
7. Affidavit of Walter Adlington 15th May, 1716.
8. Reprn. of the merchants against Lord Archd. Hamilton.
9. Mr. Page's letter to Sir Gilbert Heathcote, relating to Lord Archibald Hamilton May ye 8th, 1716.
10. Draught of a letter to Peter Heywood Esqr. for securing the persons and effects of those concerned in the robberies and piracies committed upon the Spaniards.

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11. Copy of King Charles the Second's letter to Sir Thomas Linch Govr. of Jamaica to send home Sir Thomas Modyford prisoner.

12. The repn. of the Assembly of Jamaica and address.

13. Extract of the Mal-Administration in Jamaica during the Government of Lord Archibald Hamilton.

14. Copy of a letter from Mr. Heywood President of the Council of Jamaica to Mr. Secry. Stanhope with his speech to the Council upon the Bill for subsisting the Officers and soldiers and discharging publick debts &c. and his further discourse thereupon.

Whereupon Mr. Secry. left with ye Board a letter signifying His Majesty's Pleasure, that the draughts of a commn. and instructions [fo. 448] be forthwith prepared for Peter Heywood Esqr. first member of His Majesty's Council in Jamaica &c. to be Commander in Chief of the said Island in the room of the Lord Archibald Hamilton referring the said Peter Heywood to his Lordships commn. and instructions for his guidance in that Government, and to such further instructions as His Majesty, shall hereafter think fit to send him, the instructions to be now transmitted being to require the said Heywood to make inquiry into any robberies or piracies committed by persons commissioned by the Lord Archibald Hamilton upon the Spaniards in the Gulph of Florida or elsewhere, to seize the effects of those concerned therein and send over to this Kingdom the principal persons with their effects and proper evidences against them, and also to send the Lord Archibald Hamilton home under arrest, in case it shall appear he was any ways concerned in those illegal practices.

Their Lordships immediately taking the same into consideration, agreed the said draught of a commn. for Mr. Heywood; and Mr. Secry. Stanhope being withdrawn, a letter was signed for inclosing it to him; and their Lordships resolved to proceed on Monday morning next in considering the forementioned draught of instructions for Mr. Heywood.

Ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to Mr. Heywood for transmitting to him on this occasion such extracts of the Boards late letters to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, relating to the affairs of Jamaica, as may be necessary.

The draught of a circular letter to several Govrs. of His Majesty's Plantations in America, relating to their transmitting the minutes of Council and Assembly, as likewise the Acts abstracted, being laid before the Board, the same was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

May 21. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

A draught of instructions [fo. 447] directed at the last meeting to be prepared for Mr. Heywood to be Commander in chief of Jamaica upon the removal of the Lord Archibald Hamilton Govr. of that Island, being laid before the Board, the same was agreed, and a copy ordered to be sent to Mr. Pringle for Mr. Secry. Stanhope's perusal, before he meet the Board on Wednesday morning next,

Mr. Secretary Stanhope's letter about commission and instructions to be prepared for Peter Heywood to succeed Lord Archibald Hamilton.

The said Heywood empowered to inquire into illegal practices &c.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope with the foregoing commission.

Letter to Mr. Heywood with extracts of the Board's to Lord Hamilton.

Plantations General.
*Circular letters to the Governors.
Papers transmitted from them to be abstracted.*

Jamaica.
Draught of instructions for Mr. Heywood.

Copy thereof sent Mr. Pringle.

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*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
about new Council
for Jamaica.
Merchants &c. to be
consulted therein.*

and Mr. Secry. Stanhope having by his letter [*fo.* 450] of this day signified His Majesty's Pleasure that upon this change in the Government of Jamaica, a New Council be constituted, some gentlemen of the Board were desired to consult with such merchants and planters of that Island as they might think most proper, to inform the Board of the fittest persons [*fo.* 452] to be of the Council of that Island at this conjuncture and they promised to do the same against Wednesday morning next.

May 23. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

Jamaica.
*Mr. Secretary
Stanhope.*

Mr. Secretary Stanhope [*fo.* 449, 452] coming to the Board, the lists of persons the most proper to be of the Council of Jamaica, pursuant to the last minutes, were produced, and upon comparing the same with one which Mr. Secry. Stanhope produced, the following persons were agreed upon to be proposed to His Majesty to be of the said Council vizt. Peter Heywood, Charles Chaplin, Francis Rose, John Peck, Valentine Mumby, John Blair, William Broderick, James Risby, Ezekiel Gomersal, John Willis, Thomas Beckford, and George Bennet Esqrs.

*Persons agreed on
to be Councillors.*

May 24. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

Virginia.
*Memorial from Mr.
Carey in favour of
the Indian Trade Act.*

A memorial from Mr. Robert Carey, Agent for the Virginia Indian Company, in favour of the Act passed in that Colony in 1714, entituled, An Act for the better regulating the Indian trade [*fo.* 444], was read ; whereupon ordered that a copy of the petition of several merchants and inhabitants trading to and residing in Virginia and Maryland, mentioned in the minutes of the 10th instant against the said Act, be sent to Mr. Carey for his answer thereto, as soon as may be, that the Board may appoint a day for hearing both sides, if necessary.

*Merchants petition
against it, sent him
for his answer.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter from Mr.
Burchet about
instructions for
Commodore.*

A letter from Mr. Burchet [*fo.* 455] Secry. to the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty, dated this day, relating to instructions for the Commander of this years convoy to Newfoundland, was read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing sevl. heads of inquiry and instructions for the said Commander.

Jamaica.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Persons to be of the
Council.*

A letter to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, with the names of twelve persons agreed at the last meeting [*fo.* 450] to be proposed to His Majesty for the present Council of Jamaica, was signed.

May 30. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Virginia.
*Representation.
Act about planting
of lands &c.
Representation.*

The draught of a repn. ordered to be prepared the 15th instant, for laying before His Majesty the Act passed in Virginia in 1713 [*fo.* 436] relating to the seating and planting of lands &c. in order to His Royal approbation, was agreed and signed.

Jamaica.
*Merchants memorial
in behalf of some
Councillors there.*

Col. Laws [*fo.* 449], Mr. Oldfield and several other planters and merchants concerned in the Island of Jamaica, attending, they presented to the Board a meml. in behalf of some gentlemen of His Majesty's Council there, praying their Lordships so to represent the said gentlemen to His Majesty, that they may be continued

in the same station, or be heard against any suggestions to their prejudice, which memorial was read ; whereupon they were acquainted that that matter was not at present before their Lordships.

The circular letters to the Govrs. of His Majesty's Plantations, agreed the 19th instant, relating to their transmitting the minutes of Council and Assembly, as likewise the Acts abstracted, were signed.

The draught of a letter [Jour. S. fo. 1] to Mr. Heywood, Commander in Chief of Jamaica, directed to be prepared the 19th instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Godolphin [Jour. S. fol. 20] having transmitted to the Board the extract of a memorial presented to the Commrs. of the Customs the 14th of January, 1709, concerning the practice on the Act of the 12th of King Charles the 2nd with a construction thereof, as explained by several subsequent laws, the same was read, and their Lordships taking notice, that the 21st May, 1712, the Board had referred the draught of a Bill (Trade M. Bundle 179) upon this subject, to the Commrs. of the Customs, but that no answer being returned, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse to remind him of the said reference, and to desire him to move the Commrs. of the Customs, that they will please to let this Board have their opinion upon the said Bill.

May 31. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

The Secry. laid before their Lordships the accounts of the incidental charges of this Office for three months from Christmas, 1715, to Lady Day, 1716 vizt.

Account of Petty Expences from Christmas, 1715					
to Lady Day, 1716 amounting to	..	..	..	92	19 6
The Stationer's Account for the same time,					
amounting to	..	..	..	29	12 3
The Post Man's Account for the same time,					
amounting to	..	..	..	13	12 7
				136	4 4

Whereupon a letter to the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury, praying payment thereof, and relating to the salary due to this commn. and officers in their service, was signed.

The draught of a letter to Col. Spotswood, Lieutenant Govr. of Virginia [fo. 441] ordered to be prepared the 16th instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed [Jour. S. fol. 1].

The draught of several heads [fo. 451] of inquiry and instructions, as usual, for the Commadore of the Newfoundland Convoy, being laid before the Board, as directed the 24th instant, were agreed, and ordered to be sent by the Secry. to Mr. Burchet, for the necessary directions of the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty thereupon.

A letter from Mr. Wood, of this days date, inclosing the copies of a memorial and petition to His Majesty from several of the planters and merchants of Jamaica, now in England, in behalf of the Lord Arch. Hamilton [fo. 445], and praying to be heard in relation to the present state of that Island, was read ; and Mr. Wood in the

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Plantations General.

Circular letters to the Governors. Papers &c. to be abstracted.

Jamaica.

Letter to Mr. Heywood.

Trade.

Extract of memorial about practice on the Act of 12th King Charles the 2nd &c.

Boards draught of a Bill touching the same.

Letter to Mr. Carkesse thereupon.

Miscellanies.

Incidents.

Salaries. Letter to the Treasury.

Virginia.

Letter to Colonel Spotswood.

Newfoundland.

Heads of inquiry. Letter to Mr. Burchet therewith.

Jamaica.

Letter from Mr. Wood with memorial and petition to the King in behalf of Lord Archibald Hamilton &c.

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names of the planters, merchants, and Traders of Jamaica, desiring in his said letter, the instances of this Board with Mr. Secry. Stanhope for staying the orders expedited on the affairs of Jamaica from going till an examination of those affairs be had before this Board, their Lordships immediately waited on Mr. Secry. Stanhope, who acquainted them, the said dispatches were gone.

Journal of the proceedings of Her Majesty's Commissioners for promoting the trade of this Kingdom, and for inspecting and improving her plantations in America and elsewhere, from the first of June, 1716, to the twenty-sixth November, 1716.

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June 1. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Coram [*fo.* 17], dated the 25th of last month, desiring to be heard against an Act of the Massachusetts Bay, relating to the erecting a light house on the coast of that province, was read.

A draught of a letter to Colonel Spotswood [*R. fo.* 455] Lieutenant Govr. of Virginia, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Heywood [*ibid. fo.* 453] commander in chief of Jamaica, agreed the 30th past was signed, and ordered that the same be sent to Mr. Burchet [*fo.* 4], for conveyance.

Massachusetts.

Letter from

Mr. Coram.

Act.

Light house.

Virginia.

Letter to

Colonel Spotswood.

Jamaica.

Letter to

Mr. Heywood.

June 5. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

A letter from Col. Mathew, Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands, dated the 25th of October, 1715, was read, and the following papers therein referred to, laid before the Board, vizt.:—

Account of guns and other warlike stores in the Leeward Islands, the 24th Octr., 1715.

A roll of the militia of St. Christophers and Antegoa, 1715.

Naval officer's account of ships entered inwards and cleared out from Antegoa, Mountserratt and St. Christophers from Midsummer to Michaelmas, 1715.

Minutes of the Council of Mountserratt from 4th of July to 1st of Octr., 1715.

Minutes of Assembly of Antegoa from 13th July to 27th Septr., 1715.

An act to repeal the act intituled the Six Pound Act passed in Montserrat, in Octr., 1715.

Three acts passed in St. Christophers in September and October, 1715.

And Mr. Duport attending, desired their lordships would please to lay the said acts before his Majesty, as also represent to his Majesty the present want of stores of war in the Leeward Islands, according to the forementioned account, the charge of which, upon inquiry, he said, he had computed at between 1366*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* and 1500*l.*; whereupon he was acquainted [*fo.* 6] that the same should be taken into consideration.

Leeward Islands.

Letter from Colonel

Mathew.

Papers referred to

Mr. Duport

about acts.

Stores of war wanted.

Charge computed.

To be considered.

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**Newfoundland.
Jamaica.***Letter from Mr. Burchet.
Heads of enquiry, etc.*

A letter from Mr. Burchet [R. 455] secretary to the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty, dated the 2nd instant, acknowledging the receipt of the heads of inquiry for the Commodore of the Newfoundland convoy, and relating to a packet for Mr. Heywood [*fo.* 16] commander in chief of Jamaica, was read.

Leeward Islands.

*Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Grants.
French part of
St. Christophers.
Governor of Barbouda.
Answer.*

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [*vide infra*], Secretary to the Commrs. of His Majesty's Customs, dated the 4th instant, about the granting the late French part of St. Christophers and to a Govr. of the island of Barbouda, was read, and directions given for returning an answer thereto.

June 8. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

Leeward Islands.

*Letter to
Mr. Carkesse.
Grants of French
part of
St. Christophers.
Governor of
Barbouda.*

A letter to Mr. Carkesse [*vide supra*], secry. to the Commrs. of his Majesty's Customs, directed to be prepared the 5th in answer to his letter of the 4th instant, about any grants, that may have been made of the late French part of St. Christophers, and relating to a Govr. for the island of Barbouda, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

**New England.
Plantations General.**

*Draughts of
instructions.
Colonel Shute.
Clause about oaths
sent to Attorney.
General.*

Their lordships [R. *fo.* 431] taking into consideration the draughts of instructions [*fo.* 11] preparing for Col. Shute for the governments of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, ordered that a copy of the clause in the last instructions for the said governments, and of a clause now prepared in lieu thereof, relating to the taking and administering of oaths, be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion whether the said clause last mentioned do answer the intent of the several acts of parliament now in force, upon that subject.

Barbadoes.

*Sir Edward Ernley.
Sir John Colleton
about Mr. John
Colleton to be of the
Council.*

The Order of Council, of the 28th of April last, upon the petition of Sir Edward Ernley, mentioned in the minutes of the 10th of May [R. *fo.* 431], as likewise Sir John Colleton's memorial which was read the 15th of May [*ibid. fo.* 434] relating to Mr. John Colleton's being appointed a member of His Majesty's Council in Barbadoes, being again considered, their lordships agreed to hear what Sir Edward Ernley and Sir John Colleton may have to offer, thereupon on Thursday morning next [*fo.* 7] at ten of the clock, and ordered that Mr. Bampffield and Mr. Hardisty, their solicitors, be acquainted therewith, who are to give timely notice to each other, as to their intention of being heard by council or without.

Hearing appointed.

*Solicitors to have
notice.*

Plantations General.

*Letters from
Governors
unanswered.
Jamaica.
Letter from
Mr. Burchet.*

Ordered that the letters from the several Govrs. of Her Majesty's Plantations, which are unanswered, be laid before the Board on Tuesday morning next.

*A packet to Mr.
Heywood to be sent by
a merchant ship.*

A letter from Mr. Burchet [*fo.* 4], secry to the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty of the 7th instant, returning the packet sent to him for conveyance by a man of war, to Mr. Heywood, commander in chief of Jamaica, was read; whereupon ordered that the said packet be again sent to Mr. Burchet, and that he be desired to forward the same by a merchant ship.

Leeward Islands.

*Stores of war
wanting.
Letter to
Mr. Frankland.
Arms and
ordnance.
sent.*

Upon consideration of the acct. [*fo.* 3, 19] of stores of war, wanting in the Leeward Islands, referred to in Col. Mathew's letter of the 25th Octr., 1715, mentioned in the minutes of the 5th instant, ordered that the secry. write to Mr. Frankland, to be informed what arms and ordnance stores have been sent from the office of ordnance to those islands, if any, since the year 1702.

June 12. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

Sir John Colleton, and Mr. Bampffield [*fo.* 6, 14] solicitor for Sir Edward Ernley, attending, they acquainted the Board, that they could not conveniently be ready for the hearing appointed for Thursday next, in relation to Mr. John Colleton's being of the Council of Barbadoes; whereupon their lordships agreed to defer the same till this day sev'night.

Mr. Robert Cary [*R. fo.* 432], agent for the Virginian Indian Company, attending, presented to their lordships a meml. in answer to the petition of several merchants and inhabitants trading to and residing in Virginia and Maryland (mentioned in the minutes of the 10th of the last month) which memorial was read, as likewise a letter from Mr. Offley, dated the 30th of the last month, with some reasons against the Act relating to the Indian trade; whereupon ordered that a copy of Mr. Cary's foresaid memorial be sent to Mr. Offley, and a copy of Mr. Offley's reasons be also sent to Mr. Cary, for what they may respectively have to offer to the Board on that subject, on this day three weeks at the farthest.

Ordered that a letter [*fo.* 14] be writ to Mr. Martyn Inspector General of his Majesty's Customs, desiring from him as soon as may be, two distinct accounts of the annual imports of peltry from Virginia and Carolina from Christmas, 1698, to Christmas last, or as far as his books are made up.

Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford agents, [*vide infra*] for the province of South Carolina, attending, presented to the Board the copies of an address from the Assembly of that province to His Majesty, as also of a letter from them to the said Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford, the originals having been delivered, as they said to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, to be laid before his Majesty, giving a state of the same, and praying it may be taken into his Majesty's immediate protection.

June 14. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 12th instant [*vide supra*], referring to the Board an address from the Assembly of South Carolina to his Majesty, as also a letter from them to Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford, their agents in Great Britain, relating to the distressed condition of that province, and praying that the same may be taken into the immediate protection of the Crown, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford be desired, that if they have anything further to offer in addition to those papers, they would do it in writing at ten of the clock on Thursday morning next [*fo.* 21], or sooner.

A letter from Col. Hamilton [*fo.* 15] Govr. of the Leeward Islands, dated the 1st of March last, was read, and the copy of one from Captain Soanes, commander of his Majesty's ship the Sea Horse, to Col. Hamilton therein referred to, was laid before the Board; whereupon ordered that an extract of Col. Hamilton's said letter relating to pirates and a man of war for that station, as also a copy of the said letter from Capt. Soanes to Col. Hamilton be sent to Mr. Burchet [*fo.* 18], to be laid before the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty, for his Majesty's pleasure thereupon.

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Barbadoes.
*Sir John Colleton
and Mr. Bampffield
for Sir E. Ernley
about Mr. John
Colleton.
Hearing put off.*

Virginia.
*Mr. Robert Cary,
memorial against
merchants petition.*

*Letter from
Mr. Offley.*

Both summoned.

**Virginia.
Carolina.**
*Letter to Inspector
General.
Peltry imported.*

Carolina.
*Messrs. Boon and
Beresford.
Copies of Assembly's
address to the King
and
letter to them etc.*

Carolina.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Assembly's address
to the King, and
letter to their agents.
Distressed condition
etc.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from
Colonel Hamilton.
Captain Soanes,
Sea Horse.*

*Letter to
Mr. Burchet.*

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*Letter to Colonel
Hamilton.***Bermuda.***Letter from Colonel
Bennet.
Answer.***New England.****Plantations General.***Attorney General's
report.**Colonel Shute's
instructions.**Clause about oaths.***Jamaica.***Letters from Lord
Archibald Hamilton.**Papers referred to.*

Then the draught of a letter to Col. Hamilton, [fo. 17] in answer to his before mentioned, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Colonel Bennet, Lt. Govr. of Bermuda, dated the 30th of Septr., 1715, was read, and directions given to the secry. for answering the same.

Mr. Attorney General's report [fos. 5, 62] in answer to the letter writ him the 8th instant, relating to a clause in the dts. of Col. Shute's instructions for the governments of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire about taking and administering oaths, was read; whereupon ordered that the said draughts of instructions be transcribed.

Two letters from the Lord Archibald Hamilton [fo. 63], late Govr. of Jamaica, both dated the 5th of March last, were read, and the papers therein referred to, laid before the Board, as follows, vizt. :—

Minutes of Council from the 31st Octr., 1715, to the 11th of Febr., 17 $\frac{1}{6}$.

Minutes of the Council in Assembly, from the 3rd of Decr., 1715 to the 5th of January, 17 $\frac{1}{6}$.

Minutes of Assembly, from the 31st Octr. to the 11th of Febr., 17 $\frac{1}{6}$.

Minutes of the Council in Assembly from the 31st of Octr. to the 2nd of Decr., 1715.

Three acts passed the 5th Janry., 17 $\frac{1}{6}$.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend [fo. 18], dated the 31st of the last month, transmitting to the Board several papers from Mr. Whitworth relating to commerce in some parts of Germany, and from Mr. Wich, relating to the herring trade at Hamburgh, was read, and the said papers laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Copy of Mr. Whitworth's relation about trade, dated at Ratisbon $\frac{1}{29}$ April, 1716.

Copy of a letter from Mr. Whitworth to Lord Viscount Townshend, dated at Ratisbon, $\frac{3}{14}$ May, 1716.

Extract of Mr. Whitworth's lre. to the Lord Visct. Townshend, dated at Ratisbon the $\frac{7}{18}$ May, 1716.

Extracts of letters from Mr. Whitworth to the Lord Viscount Townshend, dated $\frac{1}{24}$ and $\frac{1}{25}$ May, 1716.

Patterns of cloth made at Aix la Chapelle.

Patterns of cloth made at Soreau in Silesia.

Project of a conclusion proposed in the college of princes, the 15th May, 1716, in ye affair of the weavers etc.

Extracts of a letter from Mr. Wich his Majesty's resident at Hamburgh, to Ld. Visct. Townshend, dated at Hamburgh, 19th May, 1716.

Copy of a meml. of Mr. Wich to the Senate of Hamburgh.

Mr. Cooke communicated to the Board [fo. 19] the project of a treaty of commerce between his Majesty and the Czar of Muscovy in French, which he signified was delivered to him by the Lord Viscount Townshend, his Majesty's Principal Secry. of State, with his lordship's desire that this Board would, after consulting the merchants trading to Muscovy, thereupon, represent their opinion concerning the said project, whereupon ordered that a translation be made thereof into English.

*Mr. Cooke.**Project treaty of
commerce.**Muscovy.**French.**From**Lord Townshend.**To be translated.*

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June 15. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Bampfild [*fos.* 7, 23], solicitor for Sir Edward Ernley, attending, desired in behalf of Sir Edward, that the hearing appointed for Tuesday next, relating to Mr. Colleton's being of the Council of Barbadoes, may be put off till Tuesday senight, their lordships agreed thereto, unless Sir John Colleton has any objection to it, and ordered that Mr. Hardisty, Sir John's solicitor, be acquainted therewith.

A letter from Mr. Bicknel [*fos.* 8, 20], of the Inspector General's office, at the Custom House, dated yesterday, for an explanation of what's meant by peltry in the secry's. letter to the Inspector General of the 12th instant was read, whereupon directions were given for sending an answer thereto.

A letter from Col. Hamilton [*fo.* 10], Govr. of the Leeward Islands, dated the 10th of April last was read, and the papers therein referred to, laid before the Board vizt. :—

Two letters from Captain Soanes, commander of the Sea Horse man of war, to Col. Hamilton, relating to the ill condition of that ship, and his design to return with her to Great Britain etc.

Account of grants of land in the French part of St. Christophers. Petition of Capt. Howel, Govr. of Anguilla, to Col. Hamilton, praying liberty to settle the island of St. Cruix, with an account of the inhabitants of Spanish Town and other of the Virgin Islands.

Col. Hamilton's speech to the Assembly of Antegoa, with their answer.

A congratulatory address of the Lieutenant Govr. Council and Assembly of Antegoa to his Majesty on the defeat of the rebels.

A congratulatory address of the Lieutenant Govr. Council and Assembly of Nevis to Col. Hamilton, on his arrival in his govnt. of the Leeward Islands.

A congratulatory address from the Govr. of the Leeward Islands, and the Lt. Govr. Council and Assembly of Nevis to his Majesty, on the defeat of the rebels.

Address of the Lt. Govr. Council and Assembly of Nevis to his Majty. in favour of Colonel Hamilton.

A congratulatory address from the President and Council of Mountserratt to his Majesty, on the defeat of the rebels etc.

Address of the President and Council of Mountserratt to Col. Hamilton, on his arrival in the Leeward Islands.

Whereupon ordered that copies of paragraph H of Col. Hamilton's said letter, and of the letter from Captain Soanes, commander of his Majesty's ship the Sea Horse, to Col. Hamilton dated the 8th of April last be sent to Mr. Burchet, for the information of the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty, and that the secry. [*fo.* 18] inquire whether there be any other ship ordered to the Leeward Islands in the room of Capt. Soanes.

Then the letter to Col. Hamilton, [*fo.* 10] agreed at the last meeting, was signed and a postscript added thereto.

Barbadoes.
Mr. Bampfild.
Mr. John Colleton's
affair.
Hearing further put
off.

Virginia.
Carolina.
Letter from Inspector
General.
Peltry.
Answer.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from
Colonel Hamilton.

Papers referred to.

Letter to Mr. Burchet.
Sea-Horse,
Captain Soanes.

Letter to
Colonel Hamilton.

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Massachusetts.
*Mr. Coram against
 an act for a light
 house.*

*His objections in
 writing.*

Mr. Coram, [*fo.* 1] attending and acquainting their lordships, that he had several objections to make against an *Act passed in the Massachusetts Bay in 1715, for building and maintaining a light house &c.*, the said Act laying a tax upon the shipping of this kingdom, and making no provision for pilots, which are much wanted on that coast; he was desired to put his objections in writing as soon as he could, in order to the Board's considering thereof.

June 19. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

Jamaica.
*Letter from Mr.
 Secretary Stanhope.
 Mr. Pitt Governor.
 Draught of
 commission sent with
 letter to
 Mr. Secretary.
 Leeward Islands.
 Letter from Mr.
 Burchet.
 Man of war for those
 parts.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope [*fo.* 62], dated yesterday, desiring a commn. and instructions to be prepared for Thomas Pitt senior esqr. whom his Majesty has been pleased to appoint Govr. of Jamaica was, read; and the draught of a commn. being accordingly prepared in the usual form, a letter was signed for transmitting the same to Mr. Secry. pursuant to his said letter.

A letter from Mr. Burchet [*fos.* 10, 17] secry. to the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty, dated the 15th, in answer to one writ him the 14th instant, relating to a man of war for the Leeward Islands, was read.

Trade.
*Letter from
 Lord Townshend.
 Mr. Wich.
 Herring trade.*

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, of the 15th instant, [*fos.* 12, 47], together with the extracts of letters &c. from Mr. Wich, his Majesty's resident at Hamburgh, relating to the herring trade there, were read.

Nevis.
*Mr. James Buttler.
 Act.
 Estate of Thomas
 Herbert.
 Sent to
 Attorney General.*

Mr. James Buttler having brought to the office, an Act passed at Nevis in Sept., 1715, intituled, *an Act to settle the estate of Thomas Herbert, eldest son of Mr. Thomas Herbert, deceased, on him and his heirs and assigns for ever*, and desiring the same may be laid before his Majesty, for confirmation; ordered that the said Act be sent to Mr. Attorney Genl. for his opinion thereupon in point of law, as soon as may be.

Trade.
*Treaty of commerce.
 Muscovy.
 Compared with
 another.*

Their lordships taking into consideration the project of a treaty [*fos.* 13, 21] of commerce with Muscovy, mentioned in the minutes of the 14th instant, ordered that the same be compared with the project of such a treaty, and the observations of this Board, transmitted to the Lord Viscount Townshend [*R. fo.* 407], the 30th of March last.

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from the
 ordnance.
 Accounts of stores.*

A letter from the Board of Ordnance [*fos.* 6, 21], dated the 12th instant, with accounts of ordnance stores, sent to the Leeward Islands since the year 1702, in answer to the secretary's letter to Mr. Frankland, of the 8th of this month, was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a repn. to his Majesty thereupon.

Representation.

Trade.
*Letter from
 Mr. Carkesse.
 Bill.
 British built ships.*

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [*R. fo.* 453], of the 18th instant [*fo.* 80], with the observation of the Commrs. of his Majesty's Customs upon the draught of a bill for preserving the rights of British built ships, as desired by the secry's. letter the 31st of the last month, was read.

June 22. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique. Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. James Buttler attending, and his powers of attorney from two of the sufferers at Nevis being examined, the two debentures numbered 483, and 551 were delivered to him.

Two accounts from Mr. Martyn [*fo.* 14], Inspector General of the Customs, shewing the quantity of skins and furs annually imported from Virginia and Carolina, between Christmas, 1698, and Christmas, 1715, were read.

Mr. Boon [*fos.* 10, 22] attending, presented to their lordships a memorial from himself and Mr. Beresford, as agents for the province of South Carolina, relating to the importance of its being preserved, together with a list of goods imported and exported there, for one year before the Indian war; and Mr. Beresford afterwards attending, presented a meml. from himself relating to the present state of South Carolina, which their lordships resolved to take into consideration at the first opportunity.

The draught of a representation [*fo.* 19] ordered to be prepared the 19th instant, relating to stores of war for the Leeward Islands, was agreed and signed.

The project of a treaty of commerce [*fos.* 19, 34] with Muscovy, mentioned in the minutes of the 14th and 19th instant, was read, and considered; whereupon a letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend desiring a copy of the project, delivered to the ministers of the Czar, was signed.

June 23. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Their lordships [*fos.* 21, 36] taking again into consideration several papers relating to the present distressed condition of South Carolina, the two memorials from Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford, mentioned in yesterday's minutes upon that subject, as likewise relating to the Bahama Islands, were read; whereupon ordered that those gentlemen be desired to attend the Board on Thursday morning next, and to come then prepared to make good the several allegations of their said memorials, particularly that part of Mr. Beresford's, which relates to the products of Carolina, and the Bahama Islands, vizt:—rice, timber, pitch, tar, turpentine, rozin, indigo, silk, silver, or gold mines, cochineal, sugar, fruit, coffee, olives, Spanish vines, drugs and cotton wool, as likewise how the value of South Carolina is proved to be 709,763*l.* before the Indian war.

June 26. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

This day being appointed to hear council [*fos.* 14, 34], upon the petition of Sir Edward Ernley, in behalf of Mr. John Colleton who desires to be constituted a member of his Majesty's Council of Barbadoes, Mrs. Ernley attended with Sir William Thompson, Recorder of London her council, on the one side, and Sir John Colleton, with Mr. Serjeant Page, his council, on the other; whereupon the order on Sir Edward Ernley's said petition, dated the

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Nevis.

Mr. James Buttler.
Debentures delivered.

Virginia.
Carolina.

Inspector's account.
Skins and furs.

Carolina.
Mr. Boon.

Memorial.
Imports and exports.
Mr. Beresford.
Memorial.

Leeward Islands.
Representation.
Stores of war.

Trade.
Treaty of commerce.
Muscovy.
Letter to
Lord Townshend.

Carolina.
Bahamas.
Papers.

Present state of the
province.
Agents summoned.

Products.

Value of the province.

Barbadoes.
Hearing.

Mr. John Colleton.

Mrs. Ernley with
Sir William
Thompson.
Sir John Colleton and
Mr. Serjeant Page.

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28th of April, as likewise Sir John Colleton's memorial, in answer thereto, which were mentioned in the minutes of the 10th and 15th of May last [R. fos. 431, 434], were read, and Mr. Serjeant Page, then opened and stated the objections, against Mr. Colleton's being now admitted into the said council, viz. :—

*Mr. Serjeant Page
opens.*

That there is an estate in Barbadoes, as set forth in the said meml. of Sir John Colleton, four six parts whereof in the year 1693 or 1694 descended to Sir John by the will of his father, and is valued at about 1000*l.* a year, but the same being under the management, and in the possession of Mr. James Colleton, uncle to Sir John, he the said Sir John never since received any profit thereof, tho' in 1694, or the beginning of 1695, a bill was filed in the court of Chancery of Barbadoes, in behalf of Sir John against the said James Colleton, so that no time was lost on the part of Sir John to obtain his right, that for fear Sir John should recover against him at law, the said James Colleton procured himself to be made a judge of the precinct where the suit was to be tried, as likewise to be a member of the Council of that island, to frustrate or delay any proceedings against him in law and equity.—And upon an action at common law in the precincts of St. Michael in 1701, pleads an abatement of Sir John's action, for that the said James ought not to be summoned to appear before himself, a copy of which plea was produced and read.—That since the death of Mr. James Colleton, his son, Mr. John Colleton, who still keeps possession of the estate, has endeavoured to get himself appointed of the Council of the said island, in hopes to prevent Sir John's obtaining any relief.—That the said John Colleton has indeed offered terms to Sir John for selling his estate, but Mr. Serjeant observed there was no reason why Sir John should be forced to sell, and as to Mr. Colleton's being appointed of his Majesty's Council, he thought a person who would not do right himself, was very unfit to be made a judge of others.—That Mr. John Colleton's suggestion of his being removed from the Council of Barbadoes by the late ministry, and that therefore he now desired to be restored to that station, was a groundless pretence, and because he pretends to be loyal he would needs be excused from doing justice.—Besides that, the allegation of being removed by the late ministry, was not true in fact, Mr. Colleton having been only admitted of the Council by the Govr. without the approbation of the crown, and upon the restoration of some members, who had been dismissed, Mr. Colleton was discontinued of course, and this was before the time of the late ministry.—That Mr. Colleton has been very assiduous in his endeavours to be appointed of the Council having made several applications for that purpose in 1711, in 1714, and at present in 1716, but that hitherto the Govnt. had not thought fit to comply with his desire.—That he ought first to do right himself, before he become a judge, especially in the Plantations where it is always difficult to obtain justice, and would be much more so, against any person who is a judge there ; for tho' the party immediately concerned should retire from the Bench, yet he might hope for favour from the rest, especially considering he might return any of them the like favour in their own cases.—That if during two and twenty years, when Mr. Colleton was in no place, that

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gave him any opportunity to influence proceedings in this case, justice could not be obtained, Sir John would have less hopes if Mr. Colleton were in place of power.

Then a copy of the Order in Council of the 31st December, 1702, (Barbadoes C. *folio* 267) and the additional instruction prepared for the Govr. of Barbadoes (ibm. *folio* 274) as also Mr. James Colleton's forementioned plea were severally read, to prove that there had been unjust delays and proceedings, by the said Mr. James Colleton, as they were endeavoured to be continued by John.

Mr. Recorder on the other side, then recited the heads of what had been offered by Mr. Serjeant Page, against Mr. Colleton's being constituted of the Council of Barbadoes and he admitted, that there was such an estate between Sir John and Mr. Colleton; but Sir Peter Colleton, father of Sir John, having kept possession of the said estate without accounting to the father of Mr. John Colleton for his proportion of it, there were cross acts. between them which had protracted the dispute. That as to the power or influence which Mr. Colleton might have to the prejudice of Sir John in case the former were appointed of the Council, which consists of twelve persons; it is not to be imagined, the other eleven would be byassed to do a manifest injustice, however the person concerned might be inclined himself, who, as Mr. Recorder observed, would be obliged to quit the Bench, when his own cause should come in a judicial manner, before the Council.—That Mr. Colleton has not only acted fairly in this dispute, but made very kind offers to Sir John who has rejected them, and will come to no conclusion, by which means if this controversy be admitted as a sufficient objection against Mr. Colleton's admission into the Council, it may be a continual disability so long as Sir John shall obstinately refuse a reasonable accommodation.—And if the having law suits should disqualify persons from being members of that Board, it would be impossible there could be any.—That the only thing which has been proved is, that in 1702, Mr. James Colleton was removed from being judge in the precinct where the suit between Sir John and him was depending, which he allowed was proper, he being the sole judge there, but that Mr. John Colleton had never made use of any authority on his own behalf in this matter; whereupon Mr. Recorder desired Col. Cleland, at the same time present, to give their lordships an account of what he knew of this affair, who said that 15 or 16 years ago, when he left Barbadoes, Mr. James Colleton ordered him to make large offers to Sir John, which Sir John did not approve, but desired first an acct. of the profits, and value of the estate, and what was due on either side.—That as to the nature of the suit, he said, he had heard Sir Peter was formerly in possession of the estate, and had not accounted with Mr. James Colleton.—That he believes there was a cross bill preferred by Mr. John Colleton against Sir John for demands which the said John had for profits received from his part of the estate, whilst the same was in Sir Peters possession. That Mr. James Colleton had a great disposition to determine the matter amicably, and Col. Cleland said, he had writ to Sir John about it, a copy of which letter was produced and read the substance whereof, Col. Cleland averred to have writ to Sir John Colleton, which Sir

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John admitted : and Col. Cleland further said, that he never received any answer from Sir John to the said letter.—That as to the disputed point of one sixth in controversy, if Sir John would refer that to the determination of lawyers, Mr. Colleton would then produce his books, if Sir John would do the same, and come to an account for the profits of the whole. That he believes there may be fifty years accounts to settle between the parties aforesaid.

Mr. Rowland Tryon. Mr. Rowland Tryon being then called upon to give the Board an account, what he knew of this matter, said, that about twelve months ago, by Mr. John Colleton's order he offered Sir John 10,000*l.* and as separating the estate would ruin both parts of it, and the further continuance of partnership is impracticable, he said, he had now orders to offer Sir John 10,000*l.* for his right, or that there might be an appraisment made and accounts submitted to arbitration.—And if this be not agreed to, he would take upon him to allow any thing reasonable, he knowing Mr. John Colleton to be a man of honor, and not one that would obstruct justice.

Sir John Eyles and Mr. Joseph Eyles. Sir John Eyles and Mr. Joseph Eyles being asked what they knew of the said Mr. John Colleton, on the present dispute, they severally gave him a very good character, but as to the suits at law, which he might have, they said, they were strangers to them.

Mr. Chester. The same enquiry was likewise made of Mr. Chester, who acquainted the Board, that about six years ago Mrs. Ernley employed him to endeavour an accommodation ; whereupon he had a conference with Mr. Richardson, and made some proposals, but had no answer thereto.

Mr. Walker. Then Mr. Walker being called upon in like manner, as the other gentlemen beforementioned, he said that about 10 years ago, he was of council for Sir John Colleton in this cause, and writ to him for the draught of a bill in chancery to be drawn in England, which Sir John accordingly sent him, and the suit was revived without any loss of time or delay on Sir John's part.—That the Courts in Barbadoes have been dilatory, though he knows no unwarrantable obstructions given by Mr. John Colleton to the proceedings.—That about three years ago, there was a cross bill brought by Mr. Colleton, against Sir John, upon which Sir John's plea was over-ruled.—That Mr. James Colleton had offered to Mr. Walker 8, or 10,000*l.* for Sir John, which he was ready to have accepted, if he might first know, what he sold, and as to the accounts, he was willing they should be put to reference.—That Sir John Colleton never demanded more than four six parts of the estate.—And Mr. Walker being asked what prejudice it would be to Sir John, if Mr. Colleton were in the Council.—He said he could not tell how far it might influence.—That several of the Council had causes depending, though he owned he knew of no complaints thereupon.—That during the short time Mr. John Colleton was of the Council, he remembers no proceedings in this controversy.—As to the said Mr. Colleton's reputation, Mr. Walker said, he never heard any persons make objections to him, except in this cause.

Mr. Serjeant Page's reply. Mr. Serjeant Page in reply said, that the circumstances of the case must discover what influence Mr. Colleton's being in the Council might have against Sir John, and he did admit that Sir John had

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been offered 10,000*l.* for his whole interest; and he allowed there might be demands against Sir Peter, but submitted it to their lordships whether it was not unreasonable for Sir John, who has an uncontroverted right to four six parts of the estate, to be obliged to part with it; that there is a deed between the several parties recorded in Barbados, which settles four six parts of the estate in Sir John; and if the same be 1,000*l.* per annum, the arrears of the profits of Sir John's part amount to more than what is offered, and Sir John is expected to give up his estate for nothing.—That if Mr. Colleton who is in possession of the whole estate, tho' without any place of authority in the Government, had been able to keep Sir John out of his right, and to avoid coming to any account, Mr. Colleton's being put into a place of power would the more inable him to evade justice. That a cross bill which had not been brought by Mr. Colleton till lately when the cause was ripe for a hearing, was calculated only for delay, which Mr. Serjeant hoped their lordships would not encourage by recommending such a person to be of the Council.

Upon which Mr. Recorder admitted Sir John to be entituled to four six parts of the estate, but observed that a cross bill was no injustice to him, but a common practice, where there were accounts and demands on both sides.

Mr. Berwick, one of the present Council of Barbados, being present, Mr. Serjeant Page, desired he would inform the Board, how this matter stood at present, whereupon he said, he was attorney for Sir John, and that the cause was diligently carried on and ready for a hearing, when he left the island, but believed there would be no further progress made therein, before he the said Berwick returned.—And being asked by Mr. Recorder, if there were not causes frequently in Council, wherein members of that Board were parties; he said there often were, tho' sometimes it was thought a disadvantage to have a suit with a member of the Council; Mr. Recorder then observed to their lordships, that there was less objection to be made against Mr. Colleton's being admitted of the Council than against the continuing of Mr. Berwick aforementioned, who owned himself ingaged as attorney for Sir John Colleton in this affair.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a repn. [*fos.* 23, 36] upon the fore-mentioned Order in Council.

A letter from the Lord Visct. Townshend [*fos.* 21, 36], of yesterday's date, with some additional articles to the project of a Treaty of Commerce with Muscovy in answer to their lordships letter to him the 22nd instant, was read, whereupon ordered that the secretary write to Mr. Benjamin Aylofffe, Govr. of the Muscovia Company signifying the desire of this Board to speak with him, and the gentlemen lately with him here, as likewise such others as he shall think fit at ten of the clock on Thursday morning next.

*Sir William
Thompson.*

*Mr. Berwick of the
Council.*

*Representation
ordered.*

Trade.
*Letter from
Lord Townshend.
Treaty of commerce.
Muscovy.
Letter to Sir
Benjamin Aylofffe.*

June 28. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison,

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Trade.
New England.
Merchants petition.
John Roe agent at
St. Ander.

Barbadoes.
Representation.
John Colleton of the
Council.

Trade.
Muscovy company.
Treaty of commerce.

*Copy.**For their observations.*

Carolina.
Messrs. Boon and
Beresford,
Godin etc.

Indian war, etc.

Carolina.
Bahamas.
Products of Carolina
and the Bahamas.

*Silk.**Cochineal.*

A petition [*fo.* 41] from several merchants trading to New England, praying their lordships intercession with his Majesty that Mr. John Roe of London, merchant, may be appointed agent at the port of St. Ander in Spain was read.

The draught of a repn. [*fo.* 34] ordered to be prepared at the last meeting, relating to Mr. John Colleton's being admitted to be of his Majesty's Council in Barbadoes, was agreed and signed.

Sir Benjamin Ayloffe, [*fos.* 34, 46] Govr. and several members of the Muscovia Company attending, they were acquainted that the Board desired their opinion upon the project of a treaty of commerce with Muscovy, now before them, whereupon these gentlemen desired a copy of the said project, which was ordered them, and it being signified to them that their lordships were pressed for their report on the said project and should therefore be glad of the Company's observations as soon as possible, they promised to bring them on Wednesday next.

Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford [*fos.* 22, 42] attending, with Mr. Godin and another gentleman lately come from Carolina, Mr. Boon acquainted the Board, that he was ordered by the Assembly of Carolina to return their lordships thanks for their endeavours to put that province under the immediate protection of the crown and being asked how the Indian war there stood at present, they said, it was not yet over.—Nor had they heard that at any advice was arrived at Carolina, of assistance by means of Brigadier Hunter from the Indians at New York.—That in their opinion that war could not be put an end to by Indians only, without the assistance of white men.—But it being observed to them, that the province of Carolina had not complied with their engagements to Virginia for the assistance they have had from that colony, Mr. Boon said, that their first contract became impracticable, but that the province of Carolina, had allowed fifty shillings a head per month in lieu of each negro woman they were to furnish.—And that he did not doubt but the difference between those colonies would be soon accommodated.

The Board then desired to know of these gentlemen, if they were prepared, as had been desired of them the 23rd instant, to make good what is alleged in their memorials, relating to the products of Carolina and the Bahama Islands, to which they answered, that they were, as for rice, pitch, tar, turpentine, and other commodities, they referred themselves to the accounts of imports and exports inclosed in their memorial delivered the 22nd instant [*fo.* 21].—In relation to silk Mr. Godin assured the Board he had several bales from Carolina, which he has sold at thirty three shillings a pound, being glossy and as good in its kind as Piedmont silk.—Mr. Beresford said, he had this year, imported 20 lb., which he had sold at 24 shil. a pound.—Of cochineal they produced to the Board a sample of what is imported from Carolina, which their lordships desired might be proved by some dyer.—As to the growth of it they said it was an insect bred in a web, under a prickly pear leaf, growing near the ground, which being found wild in Carolina, did not produce so large and fat an insect as those the Spaniards cultivate and improve in gardens, which might be likewise improved in Carolina.

That pound for pound, this cochineal proved as good as that from Mexico, having been tried by one Mr. Hibbard; and Mr. Boon said he had gathered of it himself.—In relation to indigo, they said, it had been planted about twenty years ago in Carolina, but left off by reason of the war soon after, and their turning to rice, as well as the low rate of indigo in this kingdom, which is now dearer; but that if the inhabitants of Carolina turned their hands to the producing of that commodity, some of them would be diverted from making tar and other naval stores, etc. without more people went thither. That the indigo made in that province was as good as the Jamaica, tho' they had the seed yearly from the said island, to prevent degenerating the manner of sowing it being in the summer like garden peas and every year new seed. As for masts they said there were such of cyprus in Carolina, which were much beyond those of New England, Mr. Beresford having seen those of sixty foot long, clear of any knots, and four foot diameter at the bottom.—That many of these grow near swamps and rivers convenient for embarkation; besides that freight from New England to this kingdom is dearer.—As for mines they had good reason to conjecture there might be several as well as in the adjacent countries; and tho' coffee and several sorts of druggs, had not yet been tried, it was not doubted, but they might be produced in the Bahama Islands, as likewise in Carolina.—Their lordships then enquiring how the value of that province was proved to be 709,763*l.* before this Indian war; Mr. Boon produced an assessment of the whole province, from whence that calculation was made.—With regard to the assistance that might be expected from the lords proprietors in this time of distress, and the application made by the Assembly to the king; they said, that as to the first, the lords proprietors sent only to the value of 150*l.* for the relief of the colony, which the Assembly had not recd., or at least took no notice of so small a matter, directing these gentlemen, as their agents, to make no farther application to the lords proprietors, but to solicit that they might be put under his Majesty's immediate protection.—That the address and letters from Carolina had been shown to the Lord Carteret, one of the proprietors, which he seemed determined to oppose.—They added that since the present Indian war, the province of South Carolina, had decreased 150 families out of about 1400, and unless the same were taken into his Majesty's immediate care, it would soon be deserted.

July 3. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Upon consideration of the petition of several merchants trading to New England, that Mr. John Roe [*fos.* 35, 43] may be appointed his Majesty's agent at the port of St. Ander in Spain, which was read the 28th past, ordered that Mr. Roe be acquainted with the desire of the Board to speak with him tomorrow morning.

Mr. Cary [*fos.* 8, 53], agent for the Virginia Indian Company, attending, presented to their lordships an answer to the reasons against the law for monopolizing the Indian trade in Virginia,

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*Indigo.**Masts of cyprus.**Mines.**Coffee and drugs.**Value of the province.**Assistance expected from hence.*

Trade.
New England.
Mr. John Roe agent.
St. Ander.
Summoned.

Virginia.
Mr. Cary.
Law for monopolizing
Indian trade,

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Hearing appointed.

Virginia.
Mr. Offley.
Replication to Cary's
memorial.

which was read ; and Mr. Cary being asked how soon he could be ready to be heard at the Board with Mr. Offley and the other merchants, who appear against the said Act, he named this day se'night ; whereupon ordered that a copy of the above mentioned answer be sent to Mr. Offley, and that he be acquainted that the Board have appointed this day se'night for hearing what may be further offered, as to the conveniencies or inconveniencies of the said Act.

Mr. Offley afterwards also attending, presented to the Board a replication of several merchants, trading to Virginia etc. to the meml. of Robert Cary, which was read, and directions given for transmitting a copy thereof to the said Mr. Cary.

July 4. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Carolina.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Letter from
Assembly of South
Carolina.
Letter to lords
proprietors.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope [*fos.* 36, 47], of the 29th of the last month, referring to the Board a letter from the Assembly of South Carolina to their agents in London, was read ; whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to the lords proprietors of Carolina, to desire an account of the present state of that province, what their lordships have done towards suppressing the present Indian war there, and what provision is made for the future security of the said country.

Trade.
Mr. John Roe.
St. Ander.

Mr. John Roe, [*fos.* 41, 47] attending as he had been desired, their lordships had some discourse with him relating to his Majesty's appointing an agent at the port of St. Ander in Spain, and the service such an officer would be of to the trade of his Majesty's subjects' whereupon he said, that there being no factory yet settled there, the Biscayners have in a manner all the navigation from St. Ander. That if he were sent thither as publick agent, it would contribute towards the settling a factory at that port, many of his friends having already engaged to send him ships with fish &c., and that several eminent merchants had petitioned in his behalf with that view ; that his being settled there would probably draw down to St. Ander several chapmen from the inland parts of Spain with wool and other commodities for our purpose ; and as for the charge of this office, he said the merchants would be willing to defray it, by a voluntary duty of an half per cent. upon the imports and exports, as the comissarys at Bilboa have without any expence to the crown ; that this office would not interfere with that of Mr. Franklyn, under whose Consulship it was, together with Bilboa and St. Sebastian ; but Mr. Roe declared his opinion that if an agent were appointed at St. Ander, there would be no need of a Consul at that place. Mr. Roe being asked, if he desired authority to levy the half per cent., demanded by him in case any ship should refuse it, he said, he believed that would not be disputed but he thought however such a power necessary ; he was then desired to put what he had to offer upon this subject in writing, and bring it to the Board tomorrow or next day, as well with regard to the advantages of the said office, to the publick, as to his own demands, and particularly his reasons why the consulship of Bilboa &c. should not extend to St. Ander.

Advantages of a
publick agent.

Merchants will defray
the charges.

Not to interfere with
the Consul.

To bring his thoughts
in writing.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 22nd of the last month, referring to the Board a proposal from Col. Charles Douglas [*fos.* 49, 47], relating to the settlement of the late French part of St. Christophers, was read; whereupon ordered that Col. Douglas be desired to bring with him tomorrow morning the scheme mentioned in his said proposal.

A reference from Mr. Secry. Stanhope of the 28th of the last month, upon the petition [*fo.* 49] of the secry. of this Board to his Majesty, relating to a plantation in the late French part of St. Christophers, was read; and their lordships agreed to take the said reference again into consideration, when their further report relating to the settlement of the said island shall be made.

Mr. Rowland Tryon attending presented to their lordships a memorial in behalf of William Dottin, of Barbadoes, esqr., praying that he may be recommended to his Majesty, for supplying the present vacancy in the Council of that island by the death of Mr. Hallet, which was read; and Mr. Dottin's name ordered to be accordingly entered in the list of persons recommended to supply vacancies in the Council.

July 5. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

The secry. acquainted their lordships, that the Muscovia Company [*fos.* 36, 50], had sent yesterday after the Board was up, to inform their lordships, that the said company could not be ready till the begining of the next week with their observations upon the project of a treaty of commerce with Muscovy, whereof a copy was sent them the 29th of the last month, whereupon ordered that Mr. Stanyan be desired to acquaint the Lord Visct. Townshend therewith, and that so soon as the company's observations are received, this Board will lose no time in transmitting their report to his lordship.

Further ordered that the secretary write to Sir Benjamin Ayloffé, to acquaint him that, the Board being pressed for their report upon the said project of a treaty, they desire the Muscovy Company will lose no time in preparing and transmitting to their lordships, what they may have to offer thereupon.

The draught of a letter [*fos.* 42, 64], ordered yesterday to be prepared, to the lords proprietors of Carolina, relating to the state of that province, and what they have done towards suppressing the Indian war there, and for the future security of the country, was agreed and signed [*fo.* 248].

Col. Charles Douglas [*fos.* 45, 49], attending, and their lordships desiring to see the scheme, referred to in his proposal for settling the late French part of St. Christophers, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, he said, he had it not at present with him, but promised to bring it tomorrow.

A letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend, dated yesterday, [*fo.* 18, 48], with an extract of a letter from Mr. Wich, and the copy of an instrument, whereby the Senate of Hamburgh admit herrings caught before midsummer to be imported there, was read, whereupon directions were given for preparing an answer to his lordship.

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St. Christophers.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Proposal.
Colonel Charles
Douglas.
Scheme.

Reference from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope
upon Mr.
Popple's petition.

Barbadoes.
Mr. Rowland Tryon
for William Dottin
to be of the Council.

Trade.
Muscovy company.
Not ready.

Mr. Stanyan to
acquaint
Lord Townshend.

Letter to Sir
Benjamin Ayloffé.

Carolina.
Letter to lords
proprietors.

St. Christophers.
Colonel Charles
Douglas.
Scheme.
Settlement etc.

Trade.
Letter from
Lord Townshend.
Wich.
Hamburgh herrings.
Answer.

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Mr. John Roe.
Memorial.
Agent.
St. Ander.

Letter to Spanish
merchants.

Mr. John Roe [*fo.* 43, 49], attending as he had been desired, presented to the Board a meml., relating to the appointing an agent at the port of St. Ander in Spain, which was read; after which their lordships desiring that Mr. Roe would bring to the Board any two or more of the merchants, who Mr. Roe said, had signed a certificate in his favour; a letter was writ at his request to the following gentlemen, signifying the Board's desire to speak with them or any two of them, at ten of the clock tomorrow morning viz. :—Sir Joseph Hodges, Peter Godfrey esqr., Messrs. John and Herman Olmius, Mr. Peter Reneu, and Mr. Nathaniel Torriano.

July 6. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

Trade.
Letter to
Lord Townshend.
Hamburgh herrings.

The draught of a letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend in answer to his lordships of the 4th instant [*fos.* 47, 165], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, relating to the Senate of Hamburgh's admitting herrings caught before midsummer, to be imported into that city &c., was agreed and signed.

St. Christophers.
Colonel Douglas,
his scheme.

Representation.

Colonel Douglas [*fos.* 47, 66], attending, presented to their lordships the scheme he had promised to lay before the Board for settling and improving that part of the island of St. Christophers formerly belonging to the French, which was read; and their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a repn. upon that subject; and ordered that the references upon the petitions of Mr. Popple and Capt. Thauvet* [*fo.* 45], be taken into consideration with the said draught.

Trade.
Letter from
Lord Townshend.
Mr. Jackson.
Stockholm tariff 1715.

A letter from the Lord Visct. Townshend, of the 6th instant, transmitting to the Board the extracts of two letters from Mr. Jackson, resident at Stockholm, and the translation of a tariff published in Sweden in 1715, was read; whereupon ordered that the said tariff be compared with such former tariffs or treaties with Sweden, as are in this office.

Mr. Roe.

Agent at St. Ander.

Letter to a secretary
of state.

Mr. John Roe [*fos.* 47, 51], attending, acquainted their lordships that the gentlemen whom he was desired to bring to the Board this morning in order to some discourse with them, concerning the appointing an agent at St. Ander in Spain, were severally so very much engaged in business, that they desired to be excused from attending, but had all declared to him their opinion that a British agent there was very necessary for settling and encouraging our trade thither. And Mr. Roe being withdrawn, directions were given for preparing a letter to a secretary of state upon the New England Merchants petition [*fo.* 35], mentioned in the minutes of the 28th of last month relating to such an officer.

July 7. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

*This must be a mistake because the reference upon his petition is not mentioned till *fo.* 94.

Mr. Hawys, secretary to the Muscovy Company [fos. 46, 63], attending, returned to their lordships the copy of the project of a treaty of commerce between Great Britain and Muscovy (sent them the 29th as ordered the 28th of the last month) with the company's observations added in the margin, which said project and observations being severally read, Mr. Hawys was desired to acquaint the said company, that the Board would be glad to speak with them upon the same subject at ten of the clock on Wednesday morning next.

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Trade.
Mr. Hawys.
Muscovy company's
observations on
project of a treaty of
commerce.

July 10. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Methuen, which was ordered to be prepared the 6th instant, upon the petition of several merchants trading to New England, relating to Mr. Roe's [fo. 49] being appointed agent at the port of St. Ander in Spain, was agreed and signed.

Trade.
New England.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Mr. Roe.
St. Ander.

The accounts of the incidental charges of this Commn. from Lady Day to Midsummer last, being laid before the Board, together with copys of the accounts, which were sent the 31st of May last, to the Lords Commrs. of his Majesty's Treasury, for the preceding quarter; a letter was signed for transmitting the whole to their lordships, and to desire payment of the salaries due to this office; the said six months accounts amounting in the whole to two hundred thirty five pounds, fourteen shillings and seven pence, as follows vizt.:—

Miscellanies.
Incident accounts.
Letter to the Lords of
the Treasury.

Account of petty expenses from Christmas, 1715,			
to Lady day, 1716, amounting to	92	19	6
The like account from Lady day to Midsummer,			
1716	28	15	6
The stationers account from Christmas, 1715, to			
Lady day, 1716, amounting to	29	12	3
The like account from Lady day to Midsummer,			
1716	26	7	9
The postman's account from Christmas, 1715, to			
Lady day, 1716, amounting to	13	12	7
The like account from Lady day to Midsummer,			
1716	11	13	1
Samuel Clark's account of wood and coals			
amounting to	32	13	2
	*£235 14 7		

Their Lordships taking into further consideration the act passed in Virginia in 1714, intituled, *an Act for the better regulation of the Indian Trade* [fos. 41, 62], the letter from Colonel Spotswood, Lieut. Govr. of that colony, dated the 9th of May last, upon the same subject, was read, together with the memorial from the Virginia Indian Company, therein referred to.

After which, Mr. Offley, who with several other merchants, has petitioned against the said act, attending on the one side, and Mr.

Virginia.
Act.
Regulation of the
Indian trade.
Letter from
Colonel Spotswood.
Memorial, Virginia
Indian company.
Mr. Offley against
the act.

*Correctly copied. Error in addition.

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*Mr. Cary agent for
the company and
others.**Colonel Blakiston.
Mr. Byrd.**Mr. Cary's remarks.*

Cary, agent for the forementioned company with Mr. William and Mr. John Randall and Mr. Tho. Booth, lately arrived from Virginia as also John Lloyd esqr., captain Francis Willis, and Mr. William Williamson, together with Mr. Henry Daniel, and Mr. John Hughes, which two last are particular traders in skyns, attending on the other ; Colonel Blakiston agent for the colony, and Mr. Byrd, one of the Council there, being likewise present, the petition of Mr. Offley, and other merchants (mentioned in the minutes of the 10th of May), Mr. Cary's answer to the petition and Mr. Offley's reasons against the Act, (mentioned in the minutes of the 12th of June) as also Mr. Cary's answer to the said reasons against the Act, and Mr. Offley's replication (mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd instant) were severally read ; whereupon Mr. Cary observed to their lordships that the petition presented by Mr. Offley was not signed by any inhabitants of Virginia, nor by above one Virginia merchant besides himself, the rest being most traders to Maryland, and Mr. Offley admitted that the gentlemen who signed the said petition, were not so much concerned in Virginia as Maryland ; but that the petition was intended to be offered for signing to several merchants who chiefly trade to Virginia, and that it was accordingly offered to some of them who declined signing it, only for fear of disobliging their correspondents in Virginia that had an interest in the Act ; that the Govr. had writ to some of the merchants here in favour of it and that they declined signing the petition for no other reason, than lest the Govr. should prejudice their affairs in the colony ; that other gentlemen here, who are in opinion against the Act, having relations concerned in it in Virginia, would not on that account appear against it ; and Mr. Offley affirmed that he had advice that the Govr. had threatened him, the said Offley, for what he had done in this matter. As to the Maryland merchants, Mr. Offley did not deny but that province might receive some advantage by this act ; but he said they signed the petition as they thought the Act a prejudice to trade in general, and might be a precedent for passing the like in Maryland and other Plantations. Mr. Cary then desired Mr. Offley would produce some proof to the Board that the petition was refused to be signed by any merchants for the reasons alledged and particularly that the Govr. had used any threats &c., whereupon Mr. Offley said, he had information of it, but did not offer any proof, tho' as to the Govrs. threats towards himself, he said he had advice thereof from a member of the Council of Virginia ; Mr. Cary alledged that before this Act, the trade with the Indians in Virginia, was much declined, $\frac{3}{4}$ of it, he said, being owned by all sides to be lost, and he produced several accounts extracted from the custom house books to support this allegation ; that formerly there were 10,000 skins yearly imported from Virginia, and if a regulated company be established, that number might be augmented ; that the reason why so few were now imported was not the duty, as suggested by Mr. Offley, but the decay of trade which is not to be retrieved by private hands, who before the Act, were not above 4 or 5 in number, who sold their goods to the meaner sort of people, and they without any regard to the publick welfare, imposed upon the Indians by making them drunk &c., and were the occasion of

most of the Indian wars and disorders that have happened in the colony, whereas the Company consists at present of above twenty substantial persons, whose factors must be accountable for their behaviour; that the Act was passed by the most considerable dealers and with great applause in Virginia, where the interest of the colony must be supposed to be best known.

Mr. Offley, in answer to Mr. Cary, said that the duty on skins had in great measure lessened the trade in that commodity, but was not the only reason of its falling off of late years, there having been unavoidable interruptions of trade with the Indians; and Mr. Byrd observed that the government of Virginia had been obliged to stop all trade with them for two years on account of a massacre that happened in North Carolina about four years ago, and afterwards the Indian war broke out in South Carolina, so that we could have but few or no skins from the Indians and for the same reason Mr. Byrd allowed that the trade might not be above the value of 300*l.* a year of late; that before that time when the trade was open to everyone, there might be six or eight the most considerable merchants that sent large cargoes, besides others, and very great quantities of skins were imported from Virginia to this kingdom, he having himself sent hither 50 or 60 hhds. of skins in a year. That they traded for more than 4000*l.* yearly, (the Company's present stock) and Mr. Byrd being asked what the value of the annual exports of English manufactures &c., to Virginia was before the abovementioned prohibition of trade with the Indians he said, between 4 or 5000*l.* Mr. Offley alledged further, that the merchants concerned particularly in the Indian trade in Virginia were about 30 in number; that the trade was chiefly carried on by 4 or 5 of the most considerable of them, and that this company would be obliged to imploy the same persons for their agents and factors, as the other merchants had formerly done, to which it was answered, that the same persons would as factors or servants be under more restraint and obliged, as well as inclined to use the Indians better than when they traded for themselves.

Mr. Cary then referred himself to Capt. Randal abovementioned for his opinion upon this Act, who said he believed it would be no prejudice to the exports here, and that there might be a greater trade carried on with a company than without, they having been at the expence of discovering a new passage for trade with foreign Indians, with whom we have hitherto had no intercourse; that the abuses formerly committed by making the Indians drunk and imposing upon them, will now be prevented; that the traders who went up among the Indians before this company was established, took goods on their own risque, and could not allow them so cheap to the Indians as the Company may who have ym. at the first cost; that the Company are men of honor and will have a strict care of the behaviour of their factors, and since this law was made, he said that no injury has been done to the Indians nor any disorders happened; that before the books for subscriptions were shut, all the former traders except Mr. Byrd, as he believed, were invited to subscribe to this Company, which Mr. Byrd said he did not take amiss, it being known he was then leaving the country; that the

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*Mr. Offley's answer.**Mr. Byrd.**Annual exports hence
to Virginia.**Mr. Offley.**Mr. Cary.
Captain Randall's
opinion of the act.*

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said Randal himself had declined subscribing for no other reason than that he thought the charges too great which the Company were to be at, and he believed it was the same reason which prevailed with others not to do it. As to the objection, that the Act gave the Govr. a power to shut up the trade at his pleasure, it was observed he was obliged by the Act to have the advice of the Council thereupon, besides that the Act gave him no more power than he really had without it; that formerly there was a law obliging all who traded with the Indians to take a licence, which the Govr. granted by the advice of the Council, the intent whereof was that traders should go out in numbers and not so few as to be murdered by the Indians, as sometimes had formerly happened. Mr. Randal being then asked, if he knew of any complaints offered to the Assembly against this bill before it passed into an act, he said there were grievances presented by the meaner sort of people from several countrys remote from the Indians, and not concerned in that trade; and as to any members of the Assemblys being concerned in the Company, he declared he knew of none; that it was long after the books were opened, before there was any subscription, and that nobody was refused.

*Expence of the
Company.*

The gentlemen attending being asked what expence the Company made have been at already, they said it could not be exactly computed, but they all agreed it might not be less than 500*l.* in a magazine and other charges; and Mr. Randal was of opinion that the trade either of Maryland or Carolina would not be affected by the Act, and being further severally asked except Mr. Offley and Mr. Byrd, if they concurred in what Mr. Cary and Mr. Randal had now offered to their lordships in relation to the forementioned Act, they said, they did, and added that several advantages would attend the colony by this Act, as securing the frontiers by the fort at Christiana; the promoting Christianity as well as an interest with the Indians by means of the school to be maintained for so many of their children, and the providing a stock of better stores of war by the magazine which the Company have erected.

Mr. Offley.

Mr. Offley was desired to inform the Board how the constituting this Company, would discourage the woollen manufacture, who answered, by an exclusive trade; that if there was no Company, the value of 8000*l.* in manufactures of this kingdom would be sent for Virginia, whereas the Company's stock extends but to 4000*l.* In answer to which Mr. Cary said 4000*l.* was as much as the trade will bear at present, besides the Act gives a liberty for subscribing 6000*l.* more, when it shall be proper. He added that there were effects already sent for the Company's account to the value of 2500*l.*, the first whereof were dispatched but at Christmas last.

Mr. Cary.

Before the said gentlemen withdrew, Mr. Offley left with their lordships a paper intituled, the merchants reply to Mr. Cary's answer to the reasons delivered in by them.

*Merchants reply to
Mr. Cary's answer.*

*Act to be pro-
bationary.*

*Papers against the
Act to be sent the
Governor.*

Upon the whole, their lordships resolved to leave the said Act [*fos.* 53, 98], as probationary, and in the meantime, gave directions for preparing copies of all the papers that have been laid before them against the said Act, in order to be transmitted to the Lieutenant Govr. of Virginia, for the opinion of himself, the Council and Assembly of that colony thereupon.

July 12. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Col. Shute [*fos.* 11, 67] appointed Govr. of his Majesty's provinces of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, attending, presented to their lordships a list of persons fit to be appointed of his Majesty's Council in New Hampshire, which their lordships resolved to take into consideration the first opportunity.

Mr. Pitt [*fos.* 18, 108] appointed Govr. of his Majesty's island of Jamaica, attending and desiring a copy of the instructions to be given him for his perusal; their lordships gave directions for preparing a copy thereof for him accordingly, as likewise of the letter from this Board to the Lord Archibald Hamilton of the 25th of April, 1715, and an extract of the representation of the same date, relating to the better settlement of that island with white people, as likewise of the letter from this Board to Mr. Secretary Stanhope of the 15th of March foregoing, with the answer thereto concerning directions to be given by the Admiralty for promoting a good understanding between the Govrs. of his Majesty's Plantations and the Commanders of ships of war there.

Furthered ordered that Mr. Pitt have the Lord Archibald Hamilton's letter [*fo.* 11] of the 5th of March 17 $\frac{1}{8}$, and the minutes of the Council and Assembly for Jamaica referred therein for his perusal.

Ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to the Lord Visct. Townshend, relating to the project of a treaty of commerce with Muscovy [*fos.* 50, 64].

July 13. Present :—Mr. Cokburn, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford, agents for South Carolina [*fos.* 47, 76], presented to their lordships a copy of Mr. Craven's (the late Govrs.) speech to the Assembly there, relating to the state of the province and his design of returning to England, as also a copy of the Assembly's answer.

Sir Joseph Martin, Sir Randolph Knipe, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Nathaniel Gould, Mr. Goodfellow, and Mr. Godfrey, members of the Muscovy Company, attending, their lordships had some discourse with them, relating to several of the articles of the project of a treaty of commerce [*fos.* 63, 68] with Muscovy upon which they had made some observations as mentioned in the minutes of the 7th instant [*fo.* 50], and as to the 5th article, where they desire the words *now in being* may be added after the word *laws*; their lordships took notice of the inconvenience which might attend such addition by the Czars ministers insisting to have it reciprocal, which would seem to preclude any subsequent act of parliament; to which these gentlemen replied, that the Czar had power to stipulate and bind himself to any future laws to be made by him and they believe the Czar may be prevailed with to consent to it on his part only; as to the 12th article they were asked whether the Dutch were upon the same foot with us, in paying their customs in the Czars dominions in dollars at the same rate as our merchants do; to which they answered, that hitherto the Dutch had been on the same foot

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Jamaica.
Mr. Pitt.
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instructions etc.*

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*Letter to
Lord Townshend.
Treaty of commerce.
Muscovy.*

Carolina.
Messrs. Boon and
Beresford.
Mr. Craven's speech.

Assembly's answer.

Trade.
*Sir Joseph Martyn
and others of the
Muscovy company.*

*Treaty of commerce.
Observations.*

*Addition.
Inconvenience.*

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*Article 12.
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*Treaty between the
Czar and the
Dutch.
Article 18.*

Article 23.

*Letter to
Lord Townshend.*

St. Christophers.
*Letters to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Douglas's proposal
and Mr. Popple's
petition.*

**Massachusetts Bay.
New Hampshire.**
*Colonel Shute.
Mr. Dummer.
Mr. Belcher.
List of Councillors.*

Bermuda.
*Order of Council.
Petition.
Sir John Lambert.
Ship seized.
Petition to Sir John
Bennet, &c.*

**Massachusetts.
New Hampshire.**
*Draughts of
Instructions.
Colonel Shute with
instructions for trade
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.*

with us in that point, that the making use of the word *crowns* instead of *dollars* might be dangerous. The said gentlemen upon this occasion, informed the Board, that by advice from Holland, there is now a treaty on foot between the Czar and ye Dutch, which they said, they should be very glad to see, before the treaty with his Majesty were concluded. Upon the 18th article, being asked, whether they meant to have cloathing in the piece, or made up for soldiers, excepted out of the list of contraband goods, they said, they meant both and believed the Czar would not object against it, for that pitch, tar, timber and other naval stores might otherwise be as well esteemed contraband. As to the 23rd article, relating to the Braak at Riga &c., they were satisfied it should be expressed, according to the ancient method used there; they added that as there is reason to believe some foreigners with particular views to their own advantage, have set the Czar upon proposing this treaty with Great Britain; the Company were of opinion it would be better for us to continue as we are at present, than conclude a new treaty less beneficial or favourable to the British subjects than what was proposed in the observations above-mentioned.

Their lordships then gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend upon this matter.

The draught of two letters to Mr. Secretary Methuen, upon Colonel Douglas's proposal [*fo.* 49], for settling ye late French lands at St. Christophers and upon Mr. Popple's petition relating to a plantation there, were signed.

July 17. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison.

Col. Shute [*fos.* 62, 68], Govr. of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, attending with Mr. Dummer and Mr. Belcher, Col. Shute presented to their lordships a list of persons recommended to be of the Council of New Hampshire, which was read; and these gentlemen being asked if they had objections against any of the present Council, they said, they had not, and declared they did not insist upon the list now given in.

An Order of Council of the 6th instant, referring to the Board a petition from Sir John Lambert bart. to his Majesty, relating to a vessell seized by some Bermuda sloops, was read; whereupon ordered that a copy of the said petition be sent to Sir John Bennet and that he be acquainted the Board desire to speak with him in relation to that matter on Thursday morning next.

July 18. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draughts of instructions for Col. Shute [*fo.* 67] for the governments of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire together with the usual instructions for the observation of the Acts of trade and navigation, in those provinces, being laid before the Board, a letter for transmitting the same to Mr. Secry. Methuen, was signed.

Then their lordships took again into consideration the project of a treaty of commerce [*fos.* 64, 71]. with Muscovy and the observations of the Company thereupon, as likewise the draught of a letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend, ordered to be prepared the 13th instant, and made a progress therein.

July 19. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Samuel Streater attending, and his powers of attorney from Elizabeth, Josia, and George Webb, three of the sufferers by the French invasion at Nevis being examined, the debenture numbered 485 was delivered to him.

Sir John Bennet, attending, as he had been desired, in relation to the petition of Sir John Lambert, concerning a ship seized near the island—Henegua by some Bermuda sloops; he said, he had heard nothing of it before he received a copy of the said petition from their lordships, and the fact being alledged to be committed so long ago he had reason to think, if it had any ways concerned his brother, the Lieut. Govr. of Bermuda, Sir John should have had some account of it; Sir John Bennet observed that the peace being proclaimed in Bermuda, the 27th of August, 1713, it could hardly be known at Henegua, when the suggested seizure was made, and supposing it were then known, it was impossible Captain Bennet could be a confederate with the masters of the sloops, in making the said seizure as suggested; which could not be known to him at the time it was done. And as to the erecting a special court for trying this cause as the petitioner desires, the same would be very extraordinary upon bare insinuations, especially since there is a legal remedy in the usual course of justice, and an appeal will lie before his Majesty in Council, in case the petitioner after suing in Bermuda, should think himself aggrieved. Sir John Bennet concluded that he looked upon this complaint to be stirred up by some malicious persons only to bring reflections on his brother.

Their lordships then gave directions for writing to Sir John Lambert, to acquaint him ye Board desire to speak with him on the subject of his said petition, at ten of the clock on Wednesday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Methuen, dated this day with a memorial from Mr. Micklethwaite in behalf of Col. Francis Bond, who is recommended to be of his Majesty's Council in Barbadoes, was read, and an answer thereto drawn up and signed.

A letter to the Lord Viscount Townshend, relating to the project of a treaty of commerce with Muscovy, was signed [*fo.* 68].

July 25. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiq, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Samuel and Mr. Joseph Travers attending, and their powers of attorney from Mary Gurnay, executrix of the last will and testament of Joseph Gurnay, uncle and heir at law to Hugh Gurnay, one of the sufferers by the French invasion at Nevis, being examined,

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Trade.

*Muscovy treaty.
Company's
observations.
Letter to
Lord Townshend.*

Nevis.

*Samuel Streater,
debenture.
Delivered.*

Bermuda.

*Sir John Bennet
on petition, Sir John
Lambert, &c.*

*In behalf of his
brother the
Lieutenant Governor.*

*Sir John Lambert
summoned.*

Barbadoes.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Memorial of Mr.
Micklethwaite for
new Councillor.*

Trade.

*Letter to
Lord Townshend.
Muscovy treaty.*

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Debenture delivered.

New England.
*Colonel Partridge,
 Dummer, Belcher.
 Order of Council.
 Confirmation.
 Lands.
 Patent.
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*Order of Council.
 Report.
 Ordnance office.
 Stores.
 Letter to
 Mr. Lowndes.*

*Annual produce
 4½ per cent.*

*Order of Council.
 Petition.
 Captain Priswick for
 a new councillor.
 Summoned.*

Jamaica.
*Henry Thompson.
 Order of Council.
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 Archibald Hamilton.
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 To give security for
 appearance.*

*Letter to Mr.
 Attorney General.*

*Page's and Adlington's
 affidavits.*

Bermuda.
*Letter from Sir
 John Lambert.*

*Mr. Moller and Pye
 solicitors for Sir
 John Say.*

the debenture in the name of the said Hugh Gurnay numbered 462 was delivered to the said Samuel and Joseph Travers.

Col. Wm. Partridge, Mr. Dummer and Mr. Belcher attending, Col. Partridge presented to their lordships an Order of Council of the 6th instant, referring to this Board his petition praying his Majesty's confirmation of some lands by patent which ye said Partridge purchased in New England, in order to the settlement thereof, which order and petition were read, and their lordships resolved to take that matter into consideration the first opportunity.

An Order of Council of the 19th instant, referring to the Board a report from the principal officers of his Majesty's Ordnance, relating to a supply of warlike stores for the Leeward Islands, was read, together with the copy of the said report. Whereupon the draught of a letter from the secry. to Mr. Lowndes, desiring him to move the Rt. Honble the Lords Commrs. of his Majesty's Treasury, that this Board may have as soon as conveniently may be, an account of the annual produce of the duty of 4½ per cent. in the Leeward Islands since the year 1702, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

An Order of Council of the 6th instant, referring to the Board the petition of Capt. Priswick in behalf of Joshua Jones esqr. to be of his Majtys. Council in one of the Leeward Islands, was read, whereupon ordered that Capt. Priswick be acquainted that their lordships desire to speak with him on Tuesday next.

Mr. Henry Thompson, attending, presented to their lordships an Order of Council of the 6th instant, referring to this Board his petition in behalf of the Lord Archibald Hamilton, praying that Samuel Page and Walter Adlington who have accused the said Lord Hamilton of being concerned in several piracies and robberies committed on the Spaniards, may be obliged to give security for their appearance at the examination of the said accusations, which order and petition were read; whereupon the draught of a letter from the secry. to Mr. Attorney General was immediately drawn up and agreed, transmitting to Mr. Attorney copies of the said petition and reference, as also of the affidavits of the said Page and Adlington, which were received from Mr. Secry. Stanhope, the 19th of May last, for Mr. Attorney's opinion tomorrow morning at ten of the clock, whether what is desired by the petitioner may be granted, and what is the proper method of doing it according to law.

A letter from Sir John Lambert dated the 24th instant, signifying that being at present indisposed himself, he had appointed Mr. Moller and Mr. Pye his solicitor to attend their lordships to make good the allegations set forth in his petition, relating to a ship called the Count de Paix, seized by some Bermuda sloops, as mentioned in the minutes of the 17th instant, was read, and the said Mr. Moller and Mr. Pye attending, they were called in, and being asked several questions, they said, that the said ship was run ashore by fraud of the master, and at last broke to pieces, who run away with part of the loading, but that five or six of the men continued on board. That one Richardson and Peniston, and other masters of Bermuda sloops had seized most of the cargo; that part of the loading of the said ship being carried to Virginia, had been secured there by Col. Spotswood, the Lieutenant Govr. upon application of John

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de la Croix, pilot of the said ship the Count de Paix as appeared by Col. Spotswood's decree now produced; that Capt. Bennet, Lieutenant Govr. of Bermuda, and Col. Outerbridge and others of the Council there, confederated with the said masters of sloops, to prove which, the said gentlemen produced two affidavits, one of Michael Alpha and Adam Urquhart, the other of Edward Jones, which were read; the substance of which being only hear say, and what the deponents believe, Mr. Moller and Mr. Pye were asked, whether any application had been made in this affair at Bermuda, who answered no, and assigned as a reason, that there is a law in Bermuda whereby no person who is not an inhabitant of those islands, is admitted to file a bill of chancery without security given in Bermuda in 3 times the value in question, to answer the condemnation; being then asked why this application was not sooner made, they said, they had not sufficient authority till lately from France by letters from the French Senegal Company, the owners of the said ship the Count de Paix, to Sir John Lambert, whereof they produced a translation. Being then asked if Sir John Lambert had any share in the said ship, they said he had no share in it. Their lordships hereupon inquiring whether application had been made concerning this ship and cargo to the court of France, or to any minister or ambassador by the said company, Mr. Moller and Mr. Pye said, they knew of none; these gentlemen were then desired to acquaint Sir John Lambert that the Board would be glad to speak with him this day fortnight, upon the subject of his said petition, and that he would please to bring with him what original papers or further proofs he has to support it.

Mr. Gandin attending [*fo. 64 vide infra*], produced to their lordships two patterns of scarlet cloth, the one dyed with a Spanish cochineal, and the other with cochineal from Carolina, the colours appearing equally good, but that it took 3 times the quantity of Carolina cochineal to dye an equal colour with the Spanish. Upon which he said, that the cochineal gathered in Carolina grew wild in the woods, and might without doubt come near to, if not equal any other, were it improved and cultivated in gardens as the Spaniards do; their cochineal being at first no better than this first essay from Carolina.

Mr. Gandin [*fo. 96 vide supra*], then presented to the Board a memorial relating to misfeazances of Carolina and other proprietary governments, whereby they forfeit their charters, which was read, and he said in discourse, that in Carolina they have burthened his Majesty's subjects residing in this kingdom with duties to which the inhabitants of that province are not subject; in particular to encourage their own manufactures they have laid a duty of 3 per cent. on our woollen and other manufactures imported there; that Madera wines (purchased with our woollen manufactures) imported into Carolina by persons not inhabiting there, pay double what the same wines imported into Carolina by an inhabitant pay, and that ships built here, pay large port charges in Carolina, whereas the ships built in that province pay little or nothing, of which particulars and others of the like nature, he said Capt. Michael Cole could better inform their lordships.

**Carolina.
Trade.**

*Mr. Gandin,
Patterns scarlet cloth.*

*Spanish
Carolina Cochineal.*

Carolina.

*Mr. Gandin,
memorial.
Misfeazances, etc.*

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New England.
Colonel Partridge.

Mr. Dummer,
Mr. Belcher
summoned.

July 26. Present:—Earl of Suffolk and Bindon, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doernique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Upon consideration of the petition of Col. Wm. Partridge, referred to this Board by the Order in Council of the 6th instant, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, ordered that he be acquainted their lordships desire to speak with him, Mr. Dummer and Mr. Belcher at ten of the clock on Tuesday morning next, and that Col. Partridge then come prepared to make good the several allegations of his said petition, and produce to their lordships what power he has from Mr. Toppan to make this proposal, as likewise that he present to the Board a scheme of the manner of his intended settlement in New England, and how he intends to put the same in execution.

July 28. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Jamaica.
Attorney General's
report.
Thompson's petition
for Lord Archibald
Hamilton.
Page-Adlington.
Representation.

Mr. Attorney General's report in answer to the letter writ him the 25th instant, upon the petition of Mr. Thompson, in behalf of the Lord Archibald Hamilton, late Govr. of Jamaica, relating to security to be given by Mr. Page and Adlington, for appearing at the examination of the accusations against his lordship was read, and a representation to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was thereupon drawn up, and signed.

July 31. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison.

New England.
Col. Partridge.
Mr. Dummer.
Memorial.
Deeds etc.

Mr. Dummer, the
people there not
against the
settlement.

Trade.
Observations.
Bill
British built ships.
Letter to Mr.
Carkesse.
Query.

Col. Partridge and Mr. Dummer, attending according to appointment, the former presented to the Board a memorial and produced several originals and copies of deeds and other papers in support of the allegations of his petition, mentioned in the minutes of the 26th instant, relating to the settling a tract of ground to the eastward of New England, which memorial was read; and upon some discourse with Mr. Dummer upon this subject, he acquainted their lordships that the people of the Massachusetts Bay, would not obstruct the settlement proposed by Col. Partridge.

Upon further consideration of the Commrs. of the Customs observations [*fo. 20*], on the draught of a bill for preserving the right of British built ships mentioned in the minutes of the 19th of the last month, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse to move the said Commrs. for their opinion, whether the forfeitures on foreign built ships according to the Act of Navigation are by the *Act for preventing frauds and regulating abuses in the customs*, passed in the 14th year of King Charles the 2nd, commuted into an aliens duty on such foreign ships as are of English property, and practised in the Custom House accordingly.

Leeward Islands.
Captain Priswick.
Vacancies in the
Councils.

Captain Priswick attending, according to appointment, their lordships enquired of him what vacancies there were in the Councils in the Leeward Islands, as suggested in his petition in behalf of Mr. Jones, mentioned in the minutes of the 25th instant, whereupon he said, he heard that Mr. Barry Tankard had refused to act as a member of the Council of Antigua, whereupon Col. Hamilton had appointed Mr. Cochram in his room. That Mr. Oliver and

Mr. Morris who are of the said Council, were very ill and not like to recover according to the advices he had received from thence, whereby there would be two vacancies in the Council of that Island.

Mr. Bridger, surveyor general of his Majesty's woods in America attending, their lordships had some discourse with him in relation to the better preserving such trees as are fit for masts in America, he said that there is a reservation to the crown in the charter of the Massachusetts Bay, of such masts as are 24 inches diameter, but that if trees of a smaller size were not reserved, we should in time have few or none of that dimension; that the best way to preserve the timber would be to allow no trees to be cut, but such as should be marked by the surveyor, and that his Majesty's service in surveying the woods would be easier performed, and be of great advantage, if certain tracts of woods in any new grants to be made of land, were intirely reserved to the Crown, and no part thereof allowed to be cut without particular leave; and being asked in relation to the masts and timber at and near Kennebeck River, he said, there was very good of all sorts, and promised to bring their lordships the journal of his survey in those parts.

August 8. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiqne, Mr. Addison.

A letter from Mr. Dodd, of the 31st past, signifying Mr. Blathwayts desire to have a copy of the complaints, which he hears, are made by the Govr. of Virginia against Col. Ludwell, his deputy-auditor there, was read; and Mr. Byrd and Mr. Bampfieild attending, Mr. Byrd desired likewise copies of the complaints, which he said he was informed by letters from Virginia, Col. Spotswood the Lieut. Govr. has made against him as also of the proofs thereof, and Mr. Bampfieild desired the same with relation to the abovementioned complaints against Col. Ludwell; these gentlemen were acquainted that the last letters from Col. Spotswood were not yet under their lordships consideration, but that so soon as they were, they should have notice.

Col. Partridge, Mr. Dummer and Mr. Belcher attending, Col. Partridge presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the settlement he desires to make upon some lands between Kennebeck and Pemaquid in New England, giving an account of what incouragement has already been given by the government of the Massachusetts Bay to persons that would undertake to make settlements on their waste lands, and by the French king to those that would settle at Cape Breton; which memorial was read; and being thereupon asked how they knew the particulars mentioned in relation to Cape Breton, Mr. Belcher said, that he had been informed of it by several masters of ships, who had been there several times since the peace, and particularly that the French had begun to build four several forts there; that they had indeed abandoned one or two of them upon account of the want of fresh water; that some of the inhabitants had returned again to Minas in Nova Scotia, but were soon after recalled back to the said intended settlements, the French having either found fresh water there, or some way to

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New England.
Mr. Bridger.
Surveyor General,
Woods.
*Reservation of masts
to the Crown.*

Kennebeck river.

Virginia.
*Letter from Mr.
Dodd.
Blathwayt.
Colonel Ludwell,
deputy-auditor.
Byrd and Bampfieild.*

New England.
Colonel Partridge,
Mr. Dummer and
Belcher.
*Memorial,
settlement of lands.*

Cape Breton.

Forts.

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*Letter to Mr.
Dummer upon
Colonel Partridge's
grant.*

Trade.
*Mr. John Roe etc.
Petition.
Agent.
St. Ander.*

*Certificate and
petition.
Bideford.
Jersey.*

Mr. Jackson.

procure it ; that there is an extraordinary fishery at Cape Breton, the French having taken there, the last year, from 700 to 1,000 quintals per boat.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, a letter to Mr. Dummer, desiring to know, whether he, as agent of the Massachusetts Bay, has any objection to the grant, which Col. Partridge desires of the fore-mentioned lands, was agreed.

Mr. John Roe attending with Mr. George Jackson, Mr. Seale and Capt. John Laming, Mr. Roe presented to the Board a petition from himself, relating to his being appointed agent for commerce at St. Ander in Spain, together with a certificate from several merchants of London in his favour, and the copies of another certificate and petition from Bydeford and the island of Jersey, referred to in Mr. Roe's foresaid petn. which were read. And Mr. Roe said in discourse that at Bilboa the factors had always charged $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. upon the sale of all goods and nothing upon returns ; that he should be content with 4 per cent. without any charge to the Crown as agent, by which means the commerce will save $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. That all he desires as agent at St. Ander, is the $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. paid now at Bilboa as commissary-duties upon imports and exports ; whereupon at their lordships desire, he promised to explain himself in writing, and bring a memorial thereof tomorrow morning ; in the meantime, their lordships inquiring of Mr. Jackson (who acquainted the Board that he came from Bilboa about a year ago) and the other gentlemen abovementioned, concerning the British trade in Bilboa, and the hardships our merchants labour under there, they said, that the Biscayners lay duties among themselves on the English, who have no more favour now than before the present peace ; that at Bilboa an English ship is not permitted to load whilst there is any Spanish vessell lading in that port, for the same place, tho' it was far otherwise formerly, when our trade to that place twenty years ago, was all in English bottoms, and in English hands, the Spaniards there not having then above two or three small ships, as coasters, whereas they have now upwards of 80, with many of which they drive a trade to foreign parts, and the commerce chiefly in the hands of Spaniards, our factors who formerly resided at Bilboa, being returned to this kingdom, and the few survivors of them, trading for account of Spaniards ; that when we had a factory there of about fifty five, it was by most of them thought best for us to remove our trade from Bilboa to St. Ander, as these gentlemen declared it was their own opinion. And as to the appointment of an agent, they believed it would be a publick benefit, and that the merchants would agree to Mr. Roe's proposal, till the commerce should be settled ; they further said, as to the factors of Bilboa, they used to charge the merchants with $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on sales and returns, whether remitted or invested in goods, and a quarter per cent. national duties among themselves.

*Captain Laming.
Draught of St. Ander.*

Capt. Laming presented to their lordships a draught of the port, river and town of St. Ander, and said he had been 22 voyages to Bilboa and those parts ; that about eighteen years ago, when he began, the English had all the trade there, but that he had found the great alteration abovementioned since the peace, his ship being

after that postponed in her lading, whenever the Spaniards had any vessel of that nation unloaden in port; that he had lately carried 450 bales of goods thither, but not above ten of them for account of British merchants.

Mr. Bridger attending, presented to their lordships an extract of his journal of survey of the river of Damarasconte, and places adjacent between Shipscot and Pemaquid in New England, which was read.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon an Act passed at Nevis, entituled, *an Act to settle the estate of Thomas Herbert, eldest son of Mr. Thomas Herbert deceased, on him and his heirs and assigns for ever*, being read, the draught of a repn. for laying the said Act before his Royal Highness in order to be confirmed, was agreed and signed.

August 9. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

Sir John Lambert attending with Mr. Moller and Mr. Pye, his agent and solicitor, Sir John produced to their lordships several letters written to him from France, in order to prove his being authorized by the French Senegal Company, to endeavour the obtaining restitution or satisfaction for the ship and cargo mentioned in the petition presented to his Majesty in the name of Sir John Lambert &c. to be seized by some Bermuda sloops which is referred to this Board by Order of Council of the 6th mentioned in the minutes of the 17th of last month; but it being observed to Sir John, that it did not appear by those papers, that he was any part-owner of the said ship, as alledged in the petition; he declared he never pretended to be immediately concerned therein himself, otherwise than as his correspondents of the French Senegal Company, to whom the ship belonged, had desired and authorized him to solicit in their behalf, that being indisposed himself, he had left the management of this affair in general to his agent and solicitor abovementioned, who drew and presented the said petition without his having seen it. Mr. Moller and Mr. Pye were then asked what proof they had to support the allegation of Capt. Bennet, the Lieut. Govr. of Bermuda's confederating with the masters of the sloops, said to have seized the said ship; they owned they had no direct proof, but affidavits by hearsay, and they said, they did not insist upon what was urged against the said Lieut. Govr. but desired to waive that part; upon which, since no partiality was proved against the said Lieut. Govr. they were asked, what foundation they had for the prayer of the petition, which prays for a special court of justice in this case; but Mr. Moller and Mr. Pye made no other answer, than that several of the Council of Bermuda, who with the Lieut. Govr. compose the Court of Chancery there, are parties concerned in this matter. They were then desired to mention ym. particularly, whereupon they named Mr. Joel, Mr. Tynes, Mr. Penniston, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Wm. Outerbridge, but it did not appear that any of ye said gentlemen are of the Council, except Mr. Outerbridge; and Mr. Moller and Mr. Pye being pressed to produce any proofs

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New England.
Mr. Bridger.
Damarasconte river.

Nevis.
Attorney General's report.
Act.
Thomas Herbert.
Representation.

Bermuda.
Sir John Lambert,
Moller, Pye.

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*Sir John Lambert
to withdraw his
petition etc.*

*Complaints against
Governors to be well
grounded.*

*Moller and Pye
reproved.*

*Letter to Sir John
Bennet.*

*New England.
Colonel Partridge.
Time for
settlement.*

*Letter from
Mr. Dummer.*

*Partridge's grant.
Representation.*

against him, they said they could not charge him particularly. On the whole it appearing that Sir John Lambert had been much imposed upon, he desired to withdraw his petition, which he was acquainted was proper to be done at the Council Office, which if Sir John obtained there, the Board agreed to let him have the Order of Reference and to make no report upon this matter; but in the meantime acquainted him, that complaints of this nature where the reputation of his Majesty's Govrs. or other gentlemen may be prejudiced, ought to be well grounded, and on such occasions their lordships should be ready to do Sir John or others any service, consistent with justice; and Mr. Moller and Mr. Pye were reproved by the Board for imposing on Sir John Lambert, and desired to be more cautious in their proceedings for the future.

Sir John Lambert etc. being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for writing to Sir John Bennet, upon what has past relating to the abovementioned complaints, against his brother, the Lieut. Govr. of Bermuda.

Col. Partridge attending, desired that he might be allowed 2 years from the month of May next for the settlement of a town to the eastward of New England, proposed by his petn. to his Majesty, to which their lordships did not object.

A letter from Mr. Dummer, late agent of the Massachusetts Bay, in answer to that writ him yesterday, relating to the grant of land desired by Col. Partridge to the eastward of New England, was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a repn. upon the order referring the said Partridges petition.

*St. Christophers.
Nathaniel Carpenter.
Letter of Attorney.*

*Debenture.
Reams.
Delivered.*

*Trade.
Letter to
Mr. Martyn,
Inspector General.
Hemp.
John Roe.
Certificate.
St. Ander agent.
Allowance.*

August 10. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke.

Mr. Nathaniel Carpenter attending, produced to their lordships a letter of attorney to him from Christian Reams, widow and administratrix of Richard Reams, late of St. Christophers, one of the sufferers by the French invasion of that island, empowering the said Mr. Carpenter to receive such debenture as should be made out for the loss of the said Reams; whereupon their lordships inquiring of Mr. Carpenter for the letters of administration to shew her authority, he said, that having writ to Mrs. Reams for an attested copy thereof, she returned him answer that the charge of it would be more than the advantage of the debenture, and that if the same could not be otherwise received, she must be content without it; Mr. Carpenter added, that himself as well as others had paid her money due to her late husband, and that she was left without children, their lordships considering the debenture for the loss of Richard Reams to be for no more than 9*l.* 9*s.* 1*d.* gave directions for delivering the same to Mr. Carpenter upon his receipt.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of his Majesty's Customs, for an account of the hemp annually imported from all parts into this kingdom, from Christmas, 1706, to Christmas last.

Mr. John Roe attending, presented to their lordships a certificate, from several merchants of London, relating to the necessity of an agent at St. Ander in Spain, and to Mr. Roe's allowance for that

service, which was read; and thereupon directions were given for preparing another letter to Mr. Seery. Methuen concerning that affair.

August 14. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Seery. Methuen, which was ordered to be prepared the 10th instant, relating to Mr. John Roe's being appointed agent at the port of St. Ander in Spain, was agreed and signed.

A letter from Mr. Seery. Methuen of the 9th instant, referring to the Board a memorial from the Portugal Ambassador, relating to the trade to the Brazils, was read, together with the said meml.; whereupon ordered, that Sir John Ward, Sir Peter Delmé, Mr. James Milner, Mr. Samuel Clark and Mr. John Lordell, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them at ten of the clock on Thursday morning next.

August 16. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Col. Partridge attending, and it being proposed to him, that in the grant which he desires, of the lands to the eastward of New England, a clause be inserted to oblige him to sow a certain quantity of hemp annually; he said he did not doubt but the people would come to the sowing of hemp in time, but that if it were obligatory upon them to do it, he believed he should be able to get few or no settlers; as to the carrying any deals, masts, planks, or other ship timber, or hemp, pitch, tar or other naval stores whatsoever to any foreign parts not in his Majesty's dominions, Col. Partridge agreed to be restrained in that point, and he being withdrawn, the draught of a repn. to his Royal Highness, ordered to be prepared, the 9th instant, upon the subject of the said Partridge's petition, was agreed and signed.

An Order of Council of the 6th of the last month, referring to the Board a petition from George Liddall and Robert Clayton esqrs. in behalf of themselves and several other planters in the late French part of St. Christophers, praying they may be ascertained in their tenure till his Majesty's further pleasure relating to the disposition of the said lands, shall be signified was read, together with the said petition, and likewise a memorial in the name of the said Liddall and Clayton &c., upon the same subject; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a repn. to his Royal Highness relating to that matter.

An Order of Council of the 29th of August, 1715, upon the petition of Mr. Duport on behalf of Captain Thauvet, relating to the grant of a plantation in the late French part of St. Christophers, was read.

An account of hemp annually imported from all parts into this kingdom, from Christmas, 1706, to Christmas, 1715, being recd. from Mr. Martin, Inspector General of his Majesty's Customs, the same was laid before the Board.

The Portugal merchants, mentioned in the minutes of the 14th instant, not coming to the Board as expected this day; ordered

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Second letter to Mr. Secretary Methuen.

Trade.

*Letter to Mr. Secretary Methuen.
John Roe.
St. Ander.*

*Letter from Mr. Secretary Methuen.
Memorial.*

*Portugal Ambassador.
Brazils.
Merchants summoned.*

New England.

*Colonel Partridge.
Grant of lands.*

*Representation.***St. Christophers.**

*Order of Council.
Liddall and Clayton.*

*Their memorial.**Representation.**Order of Council.*

*Duport
for Captain Thauvet.*

Trade.

*Hemp imported.
Inspector General's
account.*

*Portugal merchants
not coming.*

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Summoned again.

that the same gentlemen be acquainted that their lordships desire to speak with them at ten of the clock on Tuesday morning next ; or if that time be inconvenient to them, that they will in the interim let the secry. know when they can attend.

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Milner, to be excused
attendance.*

St. Christophers.
*Representation.
Liddall and Clayton.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.*

**Virginia.
Carolina.**
*Letter from
Colonel Spotswood.
Address.
Answer.
Extract against
Carolina.*

*Sent Mr. Shelton for
lords proprietors.*

*Second letter from
Colonel Spotswood.*

Papers referred to.

August 17. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison.

A letter from Mr. James Milner to the secry. dated yesterday, desiring to be excused from attending the Board in the affairs relating to Portugal, was read.

The draught of a representation to his Royal Highness ordered yesterday to be prepared upon the petition of Mr. Liddall, Mr. Clayton, and others possessed of lands in the late French part of St. Christophers, was agreed and signed, and directions given to prepare a copy of the said representation, and a letter to transmit the same to Mr. Secry. Methuen for his information.

A letter from Col. Spotswood Lieut. Govr. of Virginia, dated the 23rd of May, 1716, being read, and the copy of the address therein referred to, laid before the Board, some directions were given for preparing an answer to the said letter. In the meantime, ordered that an extract thereof, wherein Col. Spotswood complains that the government of Carolina [*fos.* 76, 152], had not yet done justice to the forces sent to their assistance in the late Indian war, be sent to Mr. Shelton to be laid before the lords proprietors of Carolina, and the draught of a letter to Mr. Shelton for that purpose being immediately prepared, the same was agreed.

Another letter from Col. Spotswood, dated the 24th of May, 1716, was read, and the following papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

The Lieut. Govrs. charge against the Deputy Auditor of that colony.

State of the case between the king and Philip Ludwell esqr. in relation to the Govrs. land &c.

Report of the officers of the revenue to Col. Spotswood, touching the funds out of which the said revenue arises, and the manner of keeping the accounts, and auditing the same, with remarks therein.

Proclamation about the repeal of an Act, declaring who shall not bear office.

Naval officer's account of the revenue of 2*sh.* per hogshead, for the upper part of James river, and the auditor's certificate thereupon.

Minute of Council, relating to the method of collecting the revenues, the 8th Decr., 1714.

The Receiver Genls. account of the revenue of 2*sh.* per hogshead from 25th April, 1715, to 25th Octr. following.

Quit rent roll for Isle of Wight county for 1714, with the auditor's certificate approving the same.

The Receiver General's account of quit rents, from the 25th of April, 1714, to the 25th April, 1715.

Minutes of Council, from the 18th of October, to the 22nd of Febry., 1715.

Whereupon the draught of a letter to Col. Spotswood, relating to the Act [*fos.* 62, 247], about regulating the Indian trade, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

August 20. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Sir John Ward, of the 17th instant, about his attending the Board in relation to the Portugal trade, was read.

The draught of a letter, ordered to be prepared at the last meeting, wherewith to inclose to Mr. Secry. Methuen a copy of the board's report to his Royal Highness on the petition of Mr. Liddal and Mr. Clayton, relating to the lands possessed by them and others in the late French part of St. Christophers, was agreed and signed.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 30th of April, 1715, on a report from the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury upon one from the Board dated the 5th of May, 1714, relating to the settlement of the late French part of St. Christophers, was read.

Then their lordships proceeded in the further consideration of the letter from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Govr. of Virginia, dated the 24th of May last, mentioned in the minutes of the 17th instant, and ordered that Doctor Cock be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him at ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

August 21. Present :—Earl of Suffolk and Bindon, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Sir Peter Delmé, Mr. Samuel Clarke and Mr. Watts, lately arrived from Lisbon, attending as desired, the following queries relating to the Brazils, were read to them, and their opinion desired thereupon vizt.—

The Dutch by their treaty with the crown of Portugal in 1661, and the French by their treaty of 1667, having the same privilege of settling families in the Brazils, as we have by the marriage treaty of King Charles the 2nd.

Q : Whether it would be more for the advantage of the trade of England to give up that privilege, provided the French and Dutch whose privilege is grounded upon ours, be deprived of it.

Or, whether it would be more for the advantage of our trade, to insist upon this privilege, notwithstanding the French and Dutch by the enjoyment of the same (especially the former) may probably reap greater advantage by it, than we can hope to do ?

Whether, if this privilege should be insisted upon, on our part, it be possible to prevent the French, (they having the same privilege) from trading directly to the Brazils ? And how far our trade will be affected thereby ?

How far has our trade been affected since the treaty of Utrecht by the French having made use of this privilege ?

Upon which these gentlemen said, that this was a matter of very great moment and required to be well considered and other persons consulted, especially some lately come from Portugal, before any

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*Letter to
Colonel Spotswood.
Indian trade act.*

Trade.

*Letter from Sir
John Ward
excusing attendance.*

St. Christophers.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Representation.
Liddal and Clayton.*

Order of Council.

*Report.
Lords of the Treasury.
Settlement of
St. Christophers.*

Virginia.

*Letter from
Colonel Spotswood.*

*Doctor Cock
summoned.*

Trade.

*Sir Peter Delme etc.
Queries, Brazils.*

*Merchants opinion
thereupon.*

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opinion could be given upon it. However in further discourse with these gentlemen, they said, that the privilege of settling English houses in the Brazils, was of very great advantage to us ; that we have two at the Reiho, and three at the Byhea ; that if we should give up this privilege the Portuguese who are willing enough to abridge us as much as possible, may attempt to deprive us of others ; that they conceived if the French were prohibited from going to the Brazils, it would be no great advantage to us, for that they would undoubtedly carry on a clandestine trade, as they have hitherto done, and which the Portuguese Govrs. cannot prevent. They added, that the French, having houses in the Brazils (and Mr. Clark said, that to his knowledge they have had some for thirty years past) did not any ways favour their clandestine trade, which they carried on by sloops and otherwise on the coasts from some islands that lye off it ; that tho' they could be prevented thither directly, yet they might carry on a trade by the way of Portugal, for they have for several years past had a very considerable trade to that kingdom ; that they believed the chief reason why the Portuguese desired to have all nations excluded from the Brazils was this, that at St. Pauls, there is a sort of Banditti from all nations settled there, who are become so formidable that they are able to bring into the field 20 or 30,000 men ; that the king of Portugal was fearfull least they should rise and be joined by the French, and then attempt to seize the mines, which they did not see, how it could be prevented but by the Portuguese having strong forts and good garrisons there, that if all nations were prevented trading thither it would be a greater prejudice to us than to the French or Dutch, for we export thither one year with another between 30 and 40,000*l.* per annum ; that the Dutch have few if any settlements there ; but the Hamburgers have several through whose channel the Dutch carry on their trade thither, and that in case it should be thought proper to exclude all foreigners from the Brazils, they know of no way to prevent a clandestine trade but by prevailing with the church of Portugal to excommunicate all such, as should be concerned in it ; and tho' the French and others would not be affected by it, yet the Portuguese are so begotted it would be a restraint upon them. They further proposed that the foresaid queries be sent to the consul general at Lisbon, and that he be directed to consult with the factory there, and let their lordships have their opinion thereupon.

*Queries to Consul
General, Lisbon.*

Mr. Watts.

After some further discourse with these gentlemen, the foresaid queries were delivered to Mr. Watts and he desired to communicate the same to the most eminent traders here, and such as are lately come from Portugal for their answers thereunto, as soon as conveniently may be, which he promised to do accordingly.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.*

After these gentlemen were withdrawn, a letter to Mr. Secry. Methuen, giving account of what proceedings the Board have had upon his letter of the 9th instant, mentioned in the minutes of the 14th was drawn up and signed.

*St. Christophers.
Order of Council.
Representation.
Mrs. Salenave.*

The copy of an Order of Council of the 30th April, 1715, upon the repn. of the 24th of Febyr., 17¹/₆, on the petition of Mrs. Salenave relating to a plantation in the late French part of St. Christophers, was read.

The copy of another Order of Council, of the same date, upon the repn. of the 5th May, 1714, relating to the settling the said late French part of St. Christophers, and to the particular case of Mrs. Renoult and other French protestant refugees, &c. was read.

A letter from Major Caulfield, Lieut. Govr. of Annapolis Royal to ye Board, dated the 16th of May last, was read, and the following papers therein referred to, laid before the Board vizt.:—

A copy of Major Caulfield's letter to the Board of Ordnance.

Memorial from Mr. Skeen surgeon to the garrison of Annapolis Royal, praying an augmentation of his pay.

Whereupon a letter for transmitting copies of the said letter and papers to Mr. Secry. Methuen was drawn up and signed.

Their lordships taking again into consideration the letter from Mr. Dodd, mentioned in the minutes of the 8th instant, desiring a copy of ye complaints made by the Lieut. Govr. of Virginia against Col. Ludwell deputy to Mr. Blathwayt (Auditor General of ye Planns.) in yt. colony; ordered that copies of the said complaints be accordingly given him, and that Mr. Blathwayt be acquainted therewith, and desired to let the Board have copies of his deputation and instructions to the said Col. Ludwell.

August 22. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Don Lowis D'Acunha, ambassador from the king of Portugal coming to the Board, accompanied by Col. Bladen, his excellency acquainted their lordships that he was informed by some merchants that this Board had given them a copy of the said ambassador's late meml. and that it was to be sent to Lisbon for the opinion of the factory there; whereupon he was told, that the Board had only given them some queries framed upon it, and that it was proposed by the merchants to have the said queries sent to Lisbon, and not by the Board; his excellency then said he was in hopes, when he first moved in this matter, that it might have been dispatched without being made so publick as to come to the knowledge of France before it be perfected, who would undoubtedly make all opposition imaginable to it, and therefore he desired if possible that it might be put into such a method as to receive a determination upon the opinion of the merchants here, for that it is of such a nature, that otherwise the king of Portugal would think it convenient to drop it, rather than break with France.

He added, that hitherto there had been but little of the manufactures of France carried to the Brazils, and that the French merchants at Lisbon, whatever their number might be, were inconsiderable with respect to the trade they carried on, compared with that of our merchants there, and that at Oporto there were not above two French merchants and little or no French trade.

His excellency being withdrawn, a letter to Mr. Secry. Methuen, upon this subject, was immediately drawn up and signed, and the Col. having desired a copy of the foresaid queries for the said ambassador; ordered that a copy thereof be sent to him accordingly.

A letter from Mr. Pye, solicitor for Sir John Lambert, desiring that Sir John's late petition and other papers relating to a ship

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*Order of Council.
Representation.*

Mrs. Renoult etc.

Nova Scotia.

*Letter from
Major Caulfield.*

Papers referred to.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.*

Virginia.

*Letter from
Mr. Dodd.
Complaints against
Colonel Ludwell for
Mr. Blathwayt.*

*His deputation and
instructions to
Ludwell.*

Trade.

*Portugal ambassador.
Colonel Bladen.*

*Ambassador's
memorial.
Discourse of the
Board.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.*

*Queries.
Sent Colonel Bladen.*

Bermuda.

*Letter from Mr. Pye.
Ship seized.*

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*Sir John Lambert's
papers to be returned.*

Plantations General.
Mr. Roos, seals.

Secretary's receipt.

seized by some sloop from Bermuda may be returned, was read, whereupon ordered that such of the said papers as may be of use to Sir John in that affair, be returned him.

Mr. Roos attending, presented to their lordships four small silver single seals for the provinces of New Hampshire, the Massachusetts Bay and New Jersey, and the Bermuda Islands, engraven pursuant to the warrant from this Board of the 20th July, 1715, whereupon ordered that the Secy. give him a receipt for the same.

September 5. Present:—Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiqne, Mr. Molesworth.

Jamaica.
*Governor Pitt, for
perusal of papers.*

Mr. Pitt, Govr. of Jamaica [*fos.* 62, 114], attending and desiring to have the perusal of the last letter and papers received by the Board, from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, directions were given for sending to him the following letter and papers vizt.:—

Letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton to the Board, dated 12th June, 1716.

Memorial from the Council of Jamaica to the Lords Commrs. for trade and plantations, dated 13th March, 1716.

Repn. of the Council of Jamaica relating to several bills passed in the Council or Assembly of that island, and shewing why they were rejected.

Copies of two addresses, and an association from the Govr. Council and town of Kingston in that island.

Copies of several bills rejected in Jamaica.

Minutes of the Council of Jamaica from the 2nd of October, 1714, to the 16th of May, 1716.

Trade.
*Letter from Sir
Peter Delme.
Queries.
Brazils.*

A letter from Sir Peter Delmé, dated this day, relating to the queries communicated to him and other Portugal merchants the 21st of the last month about our trade and settlements in the Brazils, was read.

*Letter from
Mr. Howard.
Portugal merchants.
Answer preparing.*

A letter from Mr. Howard of this days date, relating to an answer which some of the Portugal merchants are preparing, to the said queries, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Howard be acquainted with the Board's desire that as soon as the said answer is signed by the merchants, it be transmitted to the secy. to be laid before their lordships at their first meeting after it shall be received.

Leeward Islands.

4½ per cent.

Their lordships being informed that pursuant to their desire signified to Mr. Lowndes, the 25th of July last, for an account of the annual net produce of the duty of 4½ per cent. in the Leeward Islands since the year 1702, he had writ to the honble. the Commrs. of his Majesty's Customs for the said account, but the same not being yet received, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse to desire him to move the said Commrs. that it may be dispatched with all convenient speed.

*Letter to
Mr. Carkesse.*

September 10. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Molesworth.

**Virginia.
Bahama's.**
*Letter from
Colonel Spotswood.
Pirates.
Bahama's.*

A letter from Col. Spotswood Lieut. Govr. of Virginia, dated the 3rd July, 1716, relating to a nest of pirates endeavouring to settle themselves at the Bahama Islands, was read, together with the following papers therein referred to vizt.:—

Copy of the deposition of John Vicars and Alexander Stockdale in June, 1716, concerning the disorders at Providence.

Copy of the instructions from Colonel Spotswood, Lt. Govr. of Virginia to Capt. Henry Beverley of the sloop Virgin, bound to the Bahama Islands in quest of pirates.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secy. Methuen.

September 13. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Mr. Bampfied to the Secry., dated this day, desiring him in behalf of some of the persons concerned to move the Board that an Act passed in Jamaica in 1703, intituled *an Act to confirm an agreement made between Olivia Read widow and Nathaniel Brown and Petronella his wife &c.*, and an Act passed in Antigua the 29th Octr., 1715, intituled *an Act to enable Richard Cochran and Archibald Cochran esqrs. to sell and dispose of certain lands in Old North Sound*, may be laid before his Royal Highness for confirmation, was read; whereupon ordered that the last mentioned act and a copy of the first be sent to Mr. Solicitor General for his opinion in point of law.

The draught of a lre. to Mr. Secy. Methuen, ordered to be prepared the 10th instant upon that from Col. Spotswood relating to a nest of pirates endeavouring to settle themselves at the Bahama Islands, was agreed and signed.

The answer of several Portugal merchants, to the queries delivered to Mr. Watts the 21st of the last month, relating to the English settlements in the Brazils, being now received, was read.

September 27. Present:—Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Byrd, late Receiver General of Virginia, attending, presented to their lordships his answer to the charge exhibited against him by Col. Spotswood Lt. Govr. of that colony, which their lordships resolved to take into consideration, the first convenient opportunity.

An Order of Council of the 13th Septr., 1716, upon the recommendation of Mr. Penn and his trustees, for Mr. Keith to be deputy Govr. of Pennsylvania, was read, and their lordships resolved to take the same into consideration the first opportunity.

Letter from Mr. Perry and Mr. Hyde, offering to be sureties for Mr. Keith to be deputy Govr. of Pennsylvania, was read.

An Act passed at Antigua the 24th of May, 1716, intituled *an Act to inable Andrew Murray of this island of Antigua, planter, and Elizabeth his wife to alien or settle by deed certain lunds and tenements within the said island of Antigua and to make such deeds effectual to bar all estates tail created or in being*, being laid before the Board, ordered that the same be sent to Mr. Solicitor General for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

An Act passed at Barbadoes the 31st of May, 1716, intituled, *an Act to dock the intail limited on a certain plantation situate in the parish of St. Michael, and to enable Thomas Summers esqr. to sell the same, with the negro slaves thereunto belonging*, being likewise

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Papers referred to.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.

Jamaica.
Antigua.
Letter from
Mr. Bampfied.
Acts.

Bahama Islands.
Virginia.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Pirates.
Bahama's.
Trade.
Portugal merchants
answer to queries.
Brazils.

Virginia.
Mr. Byrd.
His answer to
Colonel Spotswood's
charge.

Pennsylvania.
Order of Council.
Mr. Keith, deputy
Governor.

Letter from Perry
and Hyde to be
sureties.
Antigua.
Act about Andrew
Murray.

Sent to
Solicitor General.

Barbadoes.
Act about
Summers.

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*Sent to
Solicitor General.*

laid before the Board, was sent to Mr. Solicitor General for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

Jamaica.

*Mr. Secretary
Methuen.
Letter from him.
Memorial from
Governor Pitt.*

*Paper of
memorandums.*

*Clause in the
Governor's
commission and
instructions.
Papers etc. to be
looked out.*

*Letter from Lord
Hamilton to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.*

Papers therewith.

Pennsylvania.
*Case of William
Keith.
Lieutenant Governor.
Order of Council.*

Representation.

October 16. Present :—Mr. Secry. Methuen, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Secry. Methuen coming to the Board [*fo.* 108, 125], his letter of the 24th September, 1716, referring to the Board a memorial from Mr. Pitt, appointed Govr. of Jamaica, representing the disorders and confusions and present defenceless state of that island, and praying it may be considered before his departure, was read. Then Mr. Secry. communicated to their lordships a paper of memorandums from Mr. Pitt, relating to the confusion, disorder and dangerous state that island is in, with proposals for a remedy, as also one clause in the Govrs. commission and another of his instructions about the suspending of Councillors, which were read ; and after some discourse with Mr. Secry. thereupon ordered that the several papers and informations that are to be found in this office, relating to the foresaid memorandums, be laid before the Board at their next meeting.

Mr. Secry. Methuen further communicated to their lordships a letter from the Lord Archibald Hamilton to Mr. Secry. Stanhope, of the 12th of June last, which was read, and the following papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board vizt. :—

Copy of the commission for taking pirates.

Copy of the instructions given to the commanders of the vessels commissioned against pirates.

The form and condition of the bonds taken for the vessells commissioned for taking pirates.

Copy of a letter from the Govr. of the Havana.

Copy of a letter to the Govr. of the Havana in relation to the Spanish wreck.

The case of Mr. Keith, late Surveyor General in the Customs in America, and now nominated to be Lieut. Govr. of Pennsylvania, was read ; whereupon their lordships took into consideration the Order of Council of the 13th mentioned in the minutes of the 27th of the last month, on Mr. Penn and his trustees recommendation of the said Keith to be deputy gov. of Pennsylvania, and signed a repn. to his Royal Highness upon that subject.

October 31. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

St. Christophers.
Mr. Duport.

Debentures.

Mr. Stephen Duport attending, and his powers of attorney from Mr. John Abbot as guardian to Mr. Charles Waters and Mr. William Abbot, who were sufferers by the French invasion of St. Christophers &c. being examined, the two debentures numbered 62 and 63 were delivered to Mr. Duport.

Newfoundland.
*Letter from
Colonel Moody.
Ill state of the
garrison.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.*

A letter from Col. Moody, Lt. Govr. of Placentia in Newfoundland, dated the 3rd of this month, relating to the ill state of the garrison and fortifications there, was read ; whereupon a letter for transmitting a copy thereof to Mr. Secry. Methuen that some speedy directions may be given therein, was signed.

Three reports from Mr. Solicitor General the first upon an Act, passed in Barbadoes in May, 1716, intituled, *an Act to dock the intail limited on a certain plantation situate in the parish of St. Michael, and to inable Thomas Somers esqr. to sell the same &c.* the second upon an Act passed in Jamaica in 1703, intituled *an Act to confirm an agreement made between Olivia Read widow, and Nathaniel Brown, and Anna Petronella his wife for the maintenance of the said Olivia &c.*, and the last upon an Act passed at Antigua in May, 1716, intituled *an Act to inable Andrew Murray of the island of Antigua, planter, and Elizabeth his wife, to alien or settle by deed, certain lands and tenements, within the said island of Antigua &c.* being severally read their lordship's signed three repns. for laying the said Acts before his Royal Highness, for the royal assent.

Two Acts passed at Nevis in Decr., 1714, and April, 1715, the one intituled *an Act to repeal an Act intituled, an Act to oblige all persons to give in a list of their negroes and other slaves upon oath, and for making another Act to the same purpose more effectual*, the other intituled *an Act for raising and making a fortification on Saddle Hill*, being laid before the Board; ordered that they may be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 6th July on a repn. of the 30th May, 1716, for confirming an Act passed in Virginia in 1713, *relating to the seating and planting of lands there*, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council of the 6th July, on a repn. of the 20th of April, 1716, for appointing Mr. Carter of the Council of Barbadoes, was read.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 6th July upon a repn. of the 28th June, 1716, on the petition of Sir Edward Ernley, relating to Mr. John Colleton's being appointed of the Council of Barbadoes, was read.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 12th July, on a repn. of the 19th of the same month, about appointing Mr. Bond of the Council of the island of Barbadoes was read.

The copy of an Order of Council, of 13th Septr., 1716, upon a repn. of the 8th August, for confirming *an Act* passed at Nevis in 1715, *to settle the estate of Thomas Herbert on him and his heirs for ever*, approving the same was read.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 13th Septr., 1716, upon a repn. of the 15th of May, relating to Capt. Walton's services in the Virgin Islands &c. was read.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Methuen of the 17th of the last month, referring to this Board the following papers, relating to the Royal African Company, was read, together with the said papers vizt. :—

Copy of a letter from the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty to Mr. Secry. Methuen, dated 7th Septr., 1716, relating to the Royal African Company's desire of some naval force, to cruise on their coast.

Copy of a report from the Lords Commrs. of the Admiralty to his Majesty the 14th Octr., 1715, relating to some naval force desired by the Royal African Company to cruise on their coast, &c.

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Barbadoes.
Jamaica.
Antigua.
Mr. Solicitor
General's reports on
3 Acts.

Representations
thereupon.

Nevis.
Two acts.

Sent to
Attorney General.

Virginia.
Order of Council.
Representation.
Act seating lands.

Barbadoes.
Order of Council.
Representation.
Carter a Councillor.
Order of Council.
Representation.
Sir Edward Ernley.
Colleton.

Order of Council.
Representation.
Bond a Councillor.

Nevis.
Order of Council.
Representation.
Herbert's act.

Leeward Islands.
Order of Council.
Representation.
Walton.
Virgin Islands.

Trade
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Royal African
Company.
Papers therewith.

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Royal African
Company's memorial.
Board's
representation.
Mr. Pierce and
Benson.

Copy of the Royal African Company's petition to his Majesty dated the 23rd August, 1716, praying some naval assistance for the security of their forts and settlements.

A memorial from the Royal African Company, as likewise the repn. of this Board of the 20th Decr., 1715, upon the same subject, were read.

And Mr. Pierce and Mr. Benson attending, in behalf of the Company, they were asked what number of ships they designed for the coast of Africa, how soon and what cargoes, they were to carry, to which the said gentlemen answered, that the Company intended about the middle of next month to send six ships for the coast of Africa, with the value of between 40 and 50,000*l.* in stores of all sorts, for their forts and settlements and other goods; and another cargo of about the like value in three months after; they further said, that besides the Sallee Rovers from whom the Company's ships might be in danger in the voyage, there were several pirates on the coast of Africa, for which reason the Company desired that the ships to be granted them, might have orders to remain some time on the said coast; that at present the separate traders are permitted to have the benefit of the Company's forts by order of their Court of Assistants; and the trade is chiefly in danger from foreigners and pirates; Mr. Pierce and Mr. Benson were then desired to bring, as soon as conveniently they could, what informations and proofs the Company have, concerning such pirates and whatever else they might have further to offer, to induce the Govnt. to comply with the Company's present desire, which they promised accordingly.

To bring proofs, &c.

November 2. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Antigua.
Mr. Nevin, two acts.
Importing white
servants.
Agents.

Mr. Nevin attending, presented to their lordships two Acts passed in Antigua in July and August, 1716, the one intituled *an Act for encouraging the importation of white servants to this island*, the other *an Act for the appointing an agent to negotiate the affairs of this island*, naming him for that employment, and desired their lordships would take them into consideration, as soon as possible, together with the other Acts of that island lately transmitted by General Hamilton, which they promised to do accordingly, and the following list of Acts passed in the said island, being read, vizt.:—

Other acts.

1. An Act for raising a tax of twelve thousand pounds, money for defraying publick debts and charges, passed 25th Febr'y., 17 $\frac{1}{8}$.
2. An Act for establishing a Court of King's Bench, Common Pleas and Errors for the better regulating and settling due methods for the administration of justice, and limited a time for issuing executions out of the Court of Chancery in this island, passed 2nd March, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$.
3. And Act to prevent the increase of papists and nonjurors in this island, and for the better governing those who are already settled there, passed 2nd March, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$.
4. An Act for constituting a Court of Chancery in this island, passed 10th March, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$.

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5. An Act to indemnify Anthony Brown and John Elliot of the aforesaid island, gentlemen, from a certain bond and articles of agreement by them entered into with George Pulleyn, carpenter, for the building a church in the parish of St. Philips in the said island, and to charge the said parish with the same, passed 10th March, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$.
6. An Act for re-inforcing a certain Act of this island, intituled an Act for repairing the fortifications on Monks Hill, and mounting guns thereon and on other the fortifications and platforms of this island, and carrying on other publick works for the defence of the same, passed 14th April, 1716.
7. An Act to prohibit the importation of French and other foreign sugar, rum, cotton, or melosses into this island, passed 19th June, 1716.

Ordered that the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Acts of the said list be sent to Mr. Attorney General for his opinion thereupon in point of law, and that the 3rd be abstracted, as also the first of those above-mentioned presented by Mr. Nevin.

A letter from Mr. Byrd, late Receiver General of Virginia, dated the 1st instant, with an account of money advanced by him for the publick use of that colony, was read, and Mr. Byrd attending, acquainted their lordships, he had several persons to be examined in his behalf upon the subject of Colonel Spotswood's charge against him, but they designing to return by the first opportunity to Virginia, he desired their examination might be as soon as possible; whereupon Mr. Byrd was directed to draw up in writing and bring to the Board, the heads upon which he proposed to have the said persons examined, which he promised accordingly.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse Secry. to the Honble. the Commrs. of the Customs, dated the 20th of Sept., 1716, pursuant to one writ to Mr. Lowndes, the 25th July last, was read, with the Comptroller General's inclosed account of the annual produce of the duty of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, since the year 1702; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse to acquaint him, the account desired, and which the Board have at present occasion to look into, is only that for the Leeward Islands, which their lordships will be glad to receive from him as soon as possibly may be, if such accounts have been kept separately from those of Barbadoes.

The memorandums etc. from Mr. Pitt [fos. 114, 126], relating to the present ill state of Jamaica, which was communicated to the Board by Mr. Secry. Methuen the 16th of last month, being taken again into consideration, ordered that the secretary write to Mr. Pitt, desiring he will inform the Board, as soon as may be, of the particular instances he has received of the Assembly of Jamaica having in a manner assumed the executive part of the Govnt. there as mentioned in the first article of his said memorandums, and that he will please to name any of the particular Acts of that island not yet laid before the king, or his Royal Highness, which according to Mr. Pitt's 14th article of remedies in the said memorandums, he would have immediately confirmed or disapproved.

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Attorney General.

Virginia.
Letter from
Mr. Byrd.
Publick money
advanced.
Persons to be
examined.
Governor's charge.

Mr. Byrd to bring
heads of
examination.

Barbadoes.
Leeward Islands.
Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Comptroller General's
account.
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
Letter to
Mr. Carkesse.
For the Leeward
Islands.

Jamaica.
Pitt's memorandums
&c.

Letter to him for
particular instances.
Assembly's
misbehaviour.

Acts.

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Jamaica.*Letter from**Mr. Onslow.**Extract of one about
state of Jamaica.***Trade.***African company.*100,000*l.* subscribed.6 ships sending
out etc.*Separate traders.**Merchants summoned.***Miscellanies.***Incidents.*

A letter from Mr. Onslow to the secry. together with an inclosed extract of one from Jamaica [*fos.* 125, 129], dated in August, 1716; relating to the state of that island, were read.

Mr. Edwards, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Benson and another gentleman, attending from the African Company, pursuant to the directions of the 31st of the last month, they said, that they had made a subscription of 100,000*l.* and were now sending out six ships to Africa with ammunition, stores and goods to the value of between 60 and 70,000*l.* part thereof. That the rest would be dispatched away in about three months after; that as to their apprehension of their meeting with pirates or Salley Men they referred to the article from Whitehal in the Gazette of the 27th Octr. last; as to incroachments made upon them particularly at Whydah, by the natives, they referred to the extract of letters presented by them to the Board in Novr. or Decr. last, and to the extract of a letter from Messrs. Gerrard Gore, James Phipps, and Robert Blean, dated at Cape Coast Castle the 7th June, 1716, now delivered; and to prove that they did not intend to exclude the separate traders from their settlements, they produced the extract of a letter from the Company dated the 28th Febry., 1715, to the said Messrs. Gore, Phipps, and Blean, their chief merchants at Cape Coast Castle, directing them to purchase goods from any English ships that came thither for negroes, but especially from those that came directly from the Plantations.

Afterwards these gentlemen added in discourse, that if his Majty. should not think fit to let a ship of war remain with them upon the coast, they then desired that they might at least have the protection of a ship of war till they were got beyond the Cape de Verd Islands.

These gentlemen being retired, ordered that Mr. Robt. Heysham, Mr. Humphry Morris, and Mr. Richd. Harris be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them on Tuesday morning next.

November 3. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The Secry. laid before the Board the accounts of the incidental charges of this office for nine months from Christmas, 1715, to Michaelmas, 1716, amounting in the whole to 394*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*

	£	s.	d.
Account of petty expences from Christmas, 1715, to Lady Day, 1716, amounting to	92	19	6
The like account from Lady Day, to Midsummer, 1716	28	15	6
The like account from Midsummer, to Michaelmas, 1716	115	6	6
The stationers account from Christmas, 1715, to Lady Day, 1716, amounting to	29	12	3
The like account from Lady Day, to Midsummer, 1716	26	7	9
The like account from Midsummer, to Michaelmas, 1716	29	0	3

The postman's account Christmas, 1715, to Lady Day, 1716, amounting to	13 12 7
The like account from Lady Day, to Midsummer, 1716	11 13 10
The like account from Midsummer to Michaelmas, 1716	14 4 5
Samuel Clark's account of wood and coals, amounting to	32 13 2
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Whereupon their lordships signed a letter to the Lords Commrs. of his Majesty's Treasury, for the payment thereof, and of the salary due to this commission.

Mr. Secry. Methuen's letter of the 24th Sept., upon a meml. from Mr. Pitt Govr. of Jamaica [*fos.* 126, 136], mentioned in the minutes of the 16th Octr. last, was again read, and Mr. Pitt's memorandums mentioned in the same minutes, and several other papers relating to the affairs of that island being likewise read, their lordships made a progress in the consideration thereof.

Letter to the Treasury.

Salary.

Jamaica.

*Mr. Secry.
Methuen's letter.
Pitt's memorial
and
memorandum
etc. considered.*

November 6. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Byrd, late Receiver Genl. of Virginia, attending, with Col. Edward Hill, collector of the 1*d.* per lb. on tobacco in that colony, Mr. Thomas Read, and Mr. William Stanheard, clerk of one of the County Courts, Mr. Byrd presented to their lordships in writing, several questions, which he desired might now be put to these gentlemen, because of their intention, to embark very soon for Virginia again, the said questions were severally proposed to them, which with their answers are as follow, vizt.:—

Virginia.

Mr. Byrd etc.

Questions.

1st. Whether several persons in Virginia have not taken nineteen penny weight of Spanish silver for five shillings, where any small sum was due to them in sterling?

To which Col. Hill answered that he could say nothing of his own knowledge, but had heard people there, say so, but never did it himself.

Colonel Hill.

Mr. Read said, he had heard from Col. Burwell the naval officer and others, that it was the custom of the country to pay small sums under a bill of exchange in that manner.

Mr. Read.

And Mr. Stanheard said he had heard the same.

Mr. Stanheard.

Q. 2. Whether Spanish money before Decr., 1710, was not taken commonly by the piece and went at a par with sterling, and then an Act of Assembly passed settling current money at 16 penny weight for five shillings.

To this Col. Hill answered that a few years ago, Spanish money went at par in Virginia, and when he wanted money had taken it so himself and upon his being further asked by the Board, whether those who changed with him, had not an advantage in it? He said, he made no difference.

Colonel Hill.

Mr. Read and Mr. Stanheard likewise said it passed so.

*Mr. Read and
Stanheard.*

Q. 3. Whether from the year 1705, till the year 1714, exclusive,

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publick tobacco was ever sold in Virginia for so much as one penny per pound sterling and most of those years for not near so much ?

Colonel Hill.

Upon this Col. Hill said he never gave so much as one penny per pound, but from two shillings and six pence to six shillings per cent.

Mr. Read.

Mr. Read acquainted the Board that the highest he gave for such tobacco was 4s. 6d. per cent.

Mr. Stanheard.

But Mr. Stanheard said, he had sometimes received a particular hogshead for his own publick dues, and such as he had culled, not the quit rent tobacco, which he sold for more.

Qu. 4. Whether the hands of the witnesses proving John Chaney's certificate, be not genuine ?

Mr. Byrd.

Upon which Mr. Byrd acquainted their lordships, that the gentlemen, who could answer this question, were not at present here.

Qu. 5. What inconveniences were found in selling the quit rents of Virginia by inch of candle which was the cause of altering that method ?

*Colonel Hill and
Mr. Stanheard.*

Col. Hill and Mr. Stanheard said they knew nothing as to the subject of this question.

Mr. Byrd.

But Mr. Byrd himself explained it to the Board ; that when the quit rent tobacco, was sold by publick outcry, there was frequently a combination among the buyers, so that the tobacco was sold at under rates, till the Govr. and Council altered that method, and

Mr. Read.

Mr. Read, said, he had bought a lot of it for 3s. the cent.

Qu. 6. Who is it that appointed the sheriffs to receive the quit rents of each county ? Did not the Govr. under his own hand appoint them every year to receive them, and not the Receiver General or the Auditor.

Mr. Read.

Mr. Read, said, he had been a sheriff of a county in Virginia, and had then a Commn. from the Govr. to receive the quit rents of that county.

*Trade.
Messrs Morice and
Harris.*

*Naval assistance.
African company.*

Mr. Humphry Morice and Mr. Richard Harris attending, as desired, and Mr. Thomas Mitchel, they were acquainted with the substance of the several papers, referred to this Board by Mr. Secry. Methuen's letter of the 17th Septr., 1716, mentioned in the minutes of the 31st of last month, relating to some naval assistance now desired by the Royal African Company ; and these gentlemen being asked several questions thereupon, they said, that as to a man of war to remain on the coast of Africa they saw no necessity of it for as to pirates there, they had no news of any since the peace, tho' a ship was lately come from thence, nor did they apprehend any; that the separate traders have had no molestation at Whydah, and if the Company have had any there, it must have been from the natives, against whom a ship of war, would be of no service ; that the obtaining a ship from his Majesty, they believe, is chiefly aimed at to promote the stock jobbing of some particular persons here, and tho' they do not judge such a ship to be absolutely necessary, yet if a man of war of 20 guns were ordered to cruize between the Cape de Verde Islands and the mouth of the river Gambia, for the protection of the British trade in general, it might be of service, the French African Company having taken some ships in the north

part of the coast of Africa ; that the Salley Rovers cruize about the western islands, but such ships as will take the trouble to sail further westward may avoid them ; that as to the correspondence at present between the Royal African Company and the separate traders, the Company having brought home their effects from Africa, give leave to their factors to deal with the latter, but give no preference to the British subjects where they find greater interest with Portuguese and others.

These gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to Mr. Secry. Methuen's forementioned letter and the papers relating to the said Company.

November 7. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of an answer ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Secry. Methuen's letter of the 17th Sept. last, upon several papers recd. from the Royal African Company, relating to some naval assistance and protection desired by them of his Majesty, against the Salley Rovers and other pirates on the coast of Africa, as well against the natives and others who intercept their trade, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Pitt [*fo.* 129, *vide infra*], Govr. of Jamaica, dated this day, in answer to that writ him by the secry. of this Board the 3rd instant, relating to the Assembly of Jamaica's assuming in a manner the executive power there, and to the Acts of that island not yet reported upon, was read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing another letter to Mr. Pitt upon that subject.

November 8. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of a letter, ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Pitt [*vide supra*, *fo.* 137], Govr. of Jamaica, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

A letter to Mr. Secry. Methuen, agreed at the last meeting, in answer to his of the 17th Sept. last, relating to some naval assistance desired by the Royal African Company, was signed.

Several letters from Major Genl. Handasyd and the Lord Archibald Hamilton late Govr. of Jamaica, as also minutes of Council and other papers, relating to the differences [*fos.* 136, 140] between the Council and Assembly there &c., being read, their lordships made a further progress in considering that and other matters referred to in Mr. Pitt's meml. and memorandums, mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd instant, and gave directions for preparing a letter to Mr. Secry. Methuen thereupon.

November 14. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon two Acts passed at Nevis in December, 1714, and April, 1715, the one about *giving lists of negroes and other slaves upon oath*, the other relating to the *fortifying of Saddle Hill*, was read ; and the draught of a repn. to his Royal

1716.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.*

Trade.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
African company.
Naval assistance.*

Jamaica.
*Letter from Mr. Pitt.
Assembly.
Acts.
Letter to him.*

Jamaica.
*Letter to
Governor Pitt.*

Trade.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Naval assistance.
African company.*

Jamaica.
*Governors letters.
Minutes &c.
Differences.
Council and
Assembly.
Pitt's memorial and
memorandums.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.*

Nevis.
*Attorney General's
report.
Two acts.
Representation.*

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New England.
Plantations General.
Letter from
Mr. Cumming.

Papers therewith.

Highness for the confirmation of the said Acts, was agreed and signed.

A letter from Mr. Archibald Cummings Surveyor of his Majesty's Customs &c., searcher at Boston in New England dated 2nd of August last, being read, and the papers therein referred to laid before the Board vizt. :—

Copy of an Act stating the fees of the Custom House officers in the province of the Massachusetts Bay.

Copy of a memorial from Col. Heathcote Surveyor General of the Customs in North America, to the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay, for a regulation of fees in the Surveyor's office at Boston, with copy of fees established at New York for that officer.

Letter to
Mr. Carkesse.

Ordered that an extract of so much of the said letter, as relates to the importation of melosses, rum, and sugar from Surinam, St. Thomas, and other foreign colonies into his Majesty's Plantations, and to the settling the Custom house officers fees, be sent to Mr. Carkesse, with a copy of the said last mentioned Act and memorial from Col. Heathcote, and that as to what relates to the said goods brought from foreign into British plantations, Mr. Carkesse be desired to inform this Board, whether there be any law, which prohibits the said goods being imported into any of the British Plantations; and as to what relates to Mr. Cummings and other Custom House officers fees, Mr. Carkesse be further desired to move the Commrs. of the Customs for their opinion, as to the reasonableness of the said Act, and Mr. Cummings proposal relating to his own fees, and how the regulation here, of all the Custom House officers fees in America, is practicable or may be of publick advantage.

Letter to Mr.
Attorney General.

Further ordered that an extract of that part of Mr. Cummings said letter, which relates to the Acts about wool and the recovery of forfeitures thereupon, be sent to Mr. Attorney General to know what Act Mr. Cummings refers to, and to desire Mr. Attorney's opinion as to the right, which the Courts of Common Law in New England may have, to prohibit the proceedings in the Court of Admiralty, relating to such forfeitures, and whether any and what explanation is necessary upon any of our Acts of parliament in that particular, relating to wool.

Jamaica.
Disputes amongst
the legislature.
Pitt's memorial and
memorandums.

November 15. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Their lordships again took into consideration several papers in this office relating to the disputes [*fo. 137, vide infra*] between the Govr. Council and Assembly at Jamaica, mentioned in the minutes of the 8th, as also Mr. Pitt's memorial and memorandums, mentioned the 3rd instant, and made a progress therein.

Jamaica.
Disputes.
Council and
Assembly.

November 16. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Their lordships took again into consideration several papers relating to the disputes [*vide supra, fo. 142*], between the Govr. Council and Assembly at Jamaica and Mr. Pitt's memorial and

memorandums mentioned in yesterday's minutes and made a further progress therein.

An Order of Council of the 12th instant, upon the petition of Mr. Henry Thompson, in behalf of the Lord Archibald Hamilton, late Govr. of Jamaica, requiring this Board to prepare an instruction for his Majesty's Govr. now going thither or to the commander in chief of the said island for the time being to cause Mr. Samuel Page and Walter Arlington* to be examined upon the matters of which they accuse the Lord Archibald Hamilton, and to be bound in a recognizance for their appearance at the King's Bench Bar, Westminster, &c. was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of an instruction for that purpose.

Another Order of Council of the same date, referring to this Board a petition of the said Henry Thompson in behalf of the Lord Archibald Hamilton, relating to money due to his lordship for salary and sums advanced by him for the publick service in Jamaica was read.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Methuen of the 15th instant, inclosing the copy of a report from the British factory at Lisbon, on the queries, which were transmitted some time ago to his Majesty's Consul there in relation to the trade and interest of his Majesty's subjects in the Brazils, was read.

November 21. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doerninque, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The Order of Council, of the 12th instant [*fos.* 140, 145], (mentioned in the minutes of the 16th) on Mr. Thompson's petition in behalf of the Lord Arch. Hamilton late Govr. of Jamaica, and the draught of an instruction directed to be thereupon prepared for the Govr. now going thither, being taken into consideration, as likewise an Act passed in that island intituled *an Act for settling the militia* [Jamaica printed laws, vol. 1, page 64], their lordships gave directions for sending a copy of the said Order of Council to Mr. Attorney General, together with the said Act for his opinion whether the last proviso thereof does any ways interfere with the design and direction of the forementioned Order and whether it be not legal in such a case to take such recognizances for appearances in Westminster Hall.

The Order in Council of the same date (mentioned likewise in the minutes of the 16th instant) upon the said Thompson's petition, relating to arrears of salary, and several sums advanced by the Lord Archibald Hamilton, for the public service in Jamaica, being taken into consideration, directions were given for preparing the draught of a repn. to his Royal Highness thereupon.

An Order of Council of the 12th instant upon the repn. of this Board of the 16th ult. relating to Mr. Penn's nomination of Wm. Keith to be deputy Govr. of Pennsylvania, was read; the said Order approving the nomination and directing their lordships to take care, that security be given for Mr. Keith's observation of the Acts of Trade &c. as likewise that Mr. Penn renew the declaration made by him relating to his Majesty's right to the three lower counties;

1716.

Pitt's memorial and memorandums.

*Order of Council.
Thompson's petition.
Lord Archibald
Hamilton.
Instruction.
New Governor.
Page and Arlington.*

Recognizance.

Draught of instructions.

Order of Council.

*Lord Archibald
Hamilton.
Salary, money
advanced.*

*Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Report.
British factory,
Lisbon.
Brazils.*

Jamaica.

*Order of Council.
Thompson's petition
about Lord Archibald
Hamilton.
Draught of
instruction.*

*Letter to
Attorney General.*

*Order of Council.
Thompson's petition.
Arrears of salary,
money advanced,
Lord Archibald
Hamilton.*

Representation.

Pennsylvania.
*Order of Council.
Representation.
Keith,
Deputy Governor.
Security.*

Acts of trade, etc.

* Elsewhere 'Adlington.'

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*Letter to
Mr. Lowndes.
Bond.*

Sureties.

Carolina.

*Order of Council.
Memorial, lords
proprietors.
Johnson, Governor.
Representation.*

New England.

Trade.
Plantations General.
*Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Cumming's letter.
Boston.
Custom house,
officers fees,
to be considered.*

Carolina.

*Representation.
Memorial, lords
proprietors.
Johnson Governor.*

Jamaica.

*Representation.
Thompson's petition,
salary and money
advanced.
Lord Archibald
Hamilton.*

Pennsylvania.

*Penn's declaration.
3 lower counties.*

*Letter to
Mr. Lowndes.
Bond.*

Keith's security.

Jamaica.

*Disputes in the
legislature.
Pitt's memorial etc.*

the draught of a letter to Mr. Lowndes Secry. to the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury with the form of ye bond in like cases, and the names of Mr. Micajah Perry and Mr. John Hyde of London, merchants, who offer to be sureties for Mr. Keith [vide minutes of 27th Sept., 1716], was agreed and ordered to be sent, that security may be accordingly taken in his Majesty's exchequer.

An Order of Council [*fo.* 145] of the 12th instant, referring to the Board a memorial from the lords proprietors of Carolina, praying his Royal Highness's approbation of Robert Johnson esqr. nominated by their lordships to be govr. of that province in the room of Charles Craven esqr. was read, and the draught of a repn. to his Royal Highness thereupon was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse Secry. to the Commrs. of the Customs dated yesterday, in answer to that writ him the 15th instant, upon Mr. Cumming's letter, relating to the goods of foreign plantations brought to Boston &c. and about settling the fees of custom house officers in America was read; whereupon their lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration the first opportunity.

November 22. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A repn. upon an Order of Council [*fos.* 144, 152], of the 12th instant, referring to this Board a memorial from the lords proprietors of Carolina, praying his Royal Highness's approbation of Robert Johnson esqr. nominated by their lordships to be govr. of that province in the room of Charles Craven esqr. as agreed yesterday was signed.

A repn. upon an Order of Council [*fos.* 142, 146], of the 12th instant (mentioned in the minutes of the 16th) upon Mr. Thompson's petition, relating to arrears of salary, and several sums advanced by the Lord Archibald Hamilton for the publick service in Jamaica being directed to be prepared yesterday, was signed.

Mr. Penn's declaration of his Majesty's claim of right to the three lower counties upon Delaware river, in the province of Pennsylvania, under his hand and seal, dated the 25th of October, 1716, was read.

A letter to Mr. Lowndes Secry. to the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury with the form of a bond, wherein Mr. Micajah Perry, and Mr. John Hyde are to be security for Mr. Keith's observation of the Acts of trade in Pennsylvania as agreed yesterday, was ordered to be sent.

Their lordships had again under consideration several papers relating to the disputes [*fos.* 145, 147], between the Govr. Council and Assembly at Jamaica, and Mr. Pitt's memorial and memorandums (mentioned in the minutes of the 16th instant) and made a further progress therein.

November 23. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Several minutes of the Council and Assembly of Jamaica relating to the disputes [*fos.* 146, 149, 151], between them, together with Mr. Pitt's memorial and memorandums mentioned in the last minutes of this Board, being taken again into consideration, their lordships made a further progress therein.

A letter from Mr. Kelsal of the 21st instant, signifying the Lord's of the Treasury's desire to have a copy of this Board's repn. of the 3rd of May, 1715, relating to the lands in St. Christophers, was read; whereupon ordered that a copy of the said repn. as likewise of those of the 4th of May, 1715; 13th of July and 17th of August, 1716, be sent to Mr. Kelsal for the information of the Lords of the Treasury.

November 28. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Stephen Duport attending, his powers of attorney from several of the sufferers at St. Christophers by the French invasion there &c. were examined, and Mr. Brisac lately arrived from thence attending and acquainting their lordships, that he knew Sarah Cooke (in whose name the debenture No. 209 is made) to be married to John Gillard, who signed the letter of attorney for the said debenture; their lordships directed the three debentures numbered 55, 209, and 633 to be delivered to Mr. Duport.

Mr. Attorney General's report in answer to the letter writ him the 21st upon the Order in Council of the 12th instant, relating to Mr. Page and Adlington's giving security to appear at Westminster to prosecute and maintain their accusation against the Lord Archibald Hamilton late Govr. of Jamaica, was read, together with Mr. Attorney's amendments to the said order; whereupon their lordships gave directions that Mr. Attorney be acquainted with this Board's desire of speaking with him tomorrow morning.

The draught of an instruction for the Governor of Jamaica [*fos.* 147, 151], pursuant to the last mentioned order, was in the mean time taken into consideration.

And their lordships made a further progress in considering the several papers before them (as mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting) relating to the differences and disputes in Jamaica.

November 29. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

Mr. Attorney General, attending, as he had been desired, the draught of an instruction directed to be prepared the 16th inst. for his Majesty's Govr. now going to Jamaica, pursuant to the Order of Council of the 12th of this month, relating to Mr. Page and Adlington's entering into recognizances to appear at Westminster to prosecute and maintain their accusation against the Lord Archibald Hamilton late Govr. of that island, was read, and several alterations being made therein by Mr. Attorney's advice the same was agreed, and a letter signed for transmitting the said Dt. of instruction to Mr. Secry. Methuen for his Royal Highness's pleasure thereupon.

1716.
Jamaica.
Council and
Assembly.
Disputes.
Pitt's memorial &c.

St. Christophers.
Letter from
Mr. Kelsal,
for representation.
Lands.

St. Christophers.
Mr. Duport.

Debentures.

Jamaica.
Attorney General's
report about
Page and Adlington
prosecuting Lord
Archibald Hamilton.
Mr. Attorney's
amendments.

To attend.
Draught instruction.

*Disputes in the
legislature.*

Jamaica.
Attorney General.
Draught instruction.

Page and Adlington
against
Lord Archibald
Hamilton.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.

1716.

New England.**Trade.****Plantations General.***Attorney General's
report.**Acts about wool.**Letter to**Mr. Cummings.***Jamaica.***Letter from Governor**Pitt.**Acts.*

Mr. Attorney General's report in answer to the letter writ him the 15th instant, upon the extract of one from Mr. Cumings surveyor of the customs etc. at Boston, relating to the Acts about wool in the Plantations, and the recovery of penalties thereupon was read, and directions given to the secretary for preparing an answer to Mr. Cumings's said letter.

A letter from Mr. Pitt [*fos.* 147, 160], appointed Govr. of Jamaica of the 21st in answer to one writ him the 8th instant relating to such Acts of Jamaica as require to be more immediately reported upon, was read.

December 5. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Methuen, of the 30th of the last month requiring this Board to consider what may be the most proper course for the Govnt. to take to dislodge any pirates &c., that may have possessed themselves of the island of Providence, as mentioned in the following letters and extract from Mr. Burchet secry. to the Lords of the Admiralty, was read, together with the said letters and extract vizt. :—

Letter from Mr. Burchet of the 2nd Novr., 1716, upon what Col. Spotswood Lt. Govr. of Virginia writes relating to some pirates endeavouring to settle at Providence.

Letter from Mr. Burchet, with the extract of one from Capt. Howard of the Shoreham, dated in South Carolina the 15th Sept., 1716, relating to some pirates endeavouring to settle themselves at Providence.

Whereupon the draught of an answer to Mr. Secry. Methuen being prepared, the same was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford [*fos.* 96, 161], agents for the Assembly of South Carolina attending, presented to their lordships. a memorial, relating to the present miserable condition of that province, together with the following papers chiefly upon the same subject, vizt. :—

Copy of a letter from a committee of the Assembly of Carolina to Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford, their agents in England, relating to their Indian war, and the prejudices they receive from the Spaniards and French therein, as likewise from the Virginia Indian traders.

Extracts of several letters from Carolina, relating to the Indian war, and the prejudice that province has received from the Virginia Indian traders.

Copies of certificates from Col. Robert Daniel, deputy Govr. of South Carolina, of two affidavits being made, concerning the Spaniards encouraging the Yamasee Indians against the people of Carolina, and buying plunder from and protecting the said Indians.

Account of the publick charges of the inhabitants of South Carolina, from 1701 to 17 $\frac{1}{8}$.

All which they desired the Board to take into consideration as soon as possible, in order to the speedy relief of Carolina ; whereupon the said gentlemen being withdrawn, their memorial was read, and

Jamaica.**Bahamas.****Virginia.***Letter from Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Pirates.**Papers therewith.**Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.***Carolina.****Virginia.***Boon and Beresford
memorial.**Papers therewith.*

their lordships resolved to take the same again into consideration, with the other papers relating thereto the first opportunity.

December 6. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Methuen, in answer to his of the 30th of the last month, upon several papers from the Admiralty relating to some pirates, endeavouring to possess themselves of the island of Providence (as mentioned in the minutes of yesterday) was signed.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse secry. to the Commrs. of the Customs, dated 22nd ult. together with an account of the annual net produce of the duty of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the Leeward Islands, in answer to the letter writ him the 2nd of the last month, were read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a repn. upon the Order in Council of the 19th mentioned in the minutes of the 25th July last, relating to a supply of stores of war, for the said islands.

December 12. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

The draught of a repn. directed to be prepared the 6th instant, upon the Order in Council of the 19th of July last, relating to stores of war, for the Leeward Islands, was laid before the Board, and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

December 13. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Stephen Duport, attending with Mr. Pechells, Mr. Meure, Mr. de la Freille, and Captain Brisac in relation to the petition of Capt. Andrew Thauvet concerning a plantation in the late French part of the island of St. Christophers referred to this Board by the Order in Council mentioned in the minutes of the 16th August last, and it being suggested that the said plantation in the late French part of St. Christophers was granted to him in consideration of his good services, as well as being a protestant refugee, that upon the treaty of Ryswick, when the French part of the said island was restored, Colonel Codrington then Govr. of the Leeward Islands, granted Capt. Thauvet another plantation in the English part of St. Christophers, which last plantation had then become forfeited by the rebellion of the proprietor Andrew Bodkin of which one Blake, who married the daughter of the rebel Bodkin has since dispossessed Capt. Thauvet. The said gentlemen present were asked several questions touching those plantations, whereupon Mr. Duport said that the first plantation contained about 110 acres of which Capt. Brisac said Capt. Thauvet had possession in the year 1696, and continued possessed of it until the peace of Ryswick ; that as to improvements upon it Capt. Thauvet made as much as the time would permit, considering the war and uncertainties attending it ; in relation to Bodkin's plantation Capt.

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To be considered.

**Jamaica.
Bahamas.
Virginia.**

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Pirates.*

Leeward Islands.

*Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent duty.*

*Representation.**Stores of war.***Leeward Islands.**

*Representation.
Stores of war.*

St. Christophers.

*Mr. Duport, &c.
Captain Thauvet's
petition about a
plantation.*

1716.

Brisac said he knew it, and believed the same might contain about 100 acres, of which Capt. Thauvet had a grant in perpetuity from Col. Codrington and Mr. Duport promised to bring their lordships a copy thereof; that Capt. Thauvet was possessed of Bodkin's plantation fourteen or fifteen years but about 12 or 18 months ago for want of due prosecution of the rebel Bodkin according to the forms of law was upon a suit brought by one Blake who married Bodkin's daughter dispossessed thereof by a judgment or verdict obtained in the Courts of Common Law, and confirmed by the Govr. and Council, Captain Brisac being present in Court as he said at that determination, and Mr. Duport added, that having consulted Mr. Attorney General here on this point as to an appeal, Mr. Attorney gave him no encouragement to proceed in that matter; that Capt. Thauvet had built a good house and mill with a sugar house, upon the said plantation for which improvement he knows of no allowance made to him by the Court, but as to any arrears which the said Blake might pretend to, he believes that was let fall. Capt. Brisac further acquainted their lordships that he took Bodkin himself in arms with other Irish papists in rebellion, and being time of war in which no other Courts were held but according to Martial Law the rebels could not be then regularly prosecuted at Common Law; it being particularly asked whether Capt. Thauvet did no ways consent or make an agreement to relinquish Bodkin's plantation, he said Capt. Thauvet was turned out of that plantation by force of law and not by any consent or agreement as he believes.

As to Capt. Thauvet's services, Mr. Duport produced two letters from Col. Codrington, persuading him to come and assist in the expedition against Guardaloope &c., he being a French protestant well acquainted in those parts, and having commanded in the island of Marygalante Capt. Brisac says he saw him in the service as aid du camp to Col. Codrington wherein he behaved himself with great zeal and bravery; and Mr. Duport further promised to bring to their lordships what Capt. Thauvet has written in relation to his case.

It was likewise observed to the Board that several other persons had likewise grants of the estates of Irish papists actually in rebellion in the said island of St. Christophers, and being in the same case with the said Thauvet as to their tenure, the like prosecutions would probably ensue after such a precedent.

Their lordships after these gentlemen were withdrawn gave directions for inserting a clause in their next letter to General Hamilton Govr. of the Leeward Islands relating to the said rebels estates in St. Christophers.

Then the draught of a repn. mentioned in yesterday's minutes relating to stores of war for the Leeward Islands being again considered the same was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

December 14. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of a repn. agreed at the last meeting, upon the Order of Council of the 19th of July last, relating to stores of war for the Leeward Islands, was signed.

Leeward Islands.
Representation.
Stores of war.

Leeward Islands.
Barbadoes.
Representation.
Stores of war.

Then their lordships made a further progress in considering the several papers before them, as mentioned in the minutes of 28th of last month, relating to the differences and disputes [*fos.* 151, 161] in Jamaica, whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter, to Mr. Secry. Methuen, relating thereto.

1716.
Jamaica.
Papers.
Disputes and
differences.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.

December 17. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of a letter ordered to be prepared at the last meeting, to Mr. Secry. Methuen, upon the several papers before their lordships relating to the differences and disputes [*fos.* 160, 162] in Jamaica, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Jamaica.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Differences &c.

Their lordships taking again into consideration the memorial from Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford [*fo.* 152] and other papers received from them the 5th instant, relating to the present miserable condition of Carolina, and to the injuries his Majesty's subjects have received from the Spaniards in America, the draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Methuen for inclosing to him extracts of the said memorial and papers, as also of letters from the Govrs. of some of his Majesty's Plantations upon the last mentioned subject was agreed and signed.

Carolina.
Memorial.
Boon and Beresford.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.

A certificate being rec'd. from Mr. Harding deputy remembrancer of security being given in the exchequer for Mr. Keith's observance of the Acts of Trade and Navigation in the govt. of Pennsylvania the same was read, and a repn. signed for laying before his Royal Highness a draught of instructions for Mr. Penn proprietor of the said province to be given by him to Mr. Keith relating to the said Acts of Trade. &c.

Pensylvania.
Certificate.
Deputy remembrancer.
Keith.
Acts of trade &c.
Representation.
Instructions.
Mr. Penn.

December 19. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Methuen agreed at the last meeting upon the several papers before their lordships relating to the differences and disputes [*fo.* 161] in Jamaica, was signed.

Jamaica.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Differences &c.

December 20. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The copy of a grant from Col. Codrington, Govr. of the Leeward Islands to Capt. Thauvet of a plantation in St. Christophers formerly belonging to one Bodkin an Irish papist and rebel being communicated to the Board by Mr. Duport, as he had promised, together with an abstract of letters from the said Thauvet to him relating to a plantation in the French part of the said island; and Mr. Pechell having communicated likewise to their lordships the extract of a letter from the said Thauvet to him, relating to the foresaid plantation formerly possessed by Bodkin, their lordships agreed and signed a representation to his Royal Highness upon the Order of Council mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant relating to Capt. Thauvet.

St. Christophers.
Papers about
Thauvet's plantation.

Representation.

1716—17.

Carolina.
Order of Council.
Robert Johnson.
Governor.

his security.

Colonel Blakiston,
for their characters.

Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Wich.
Herring trade
Hamburgh.
Papers therewith.

Letter to
Mr. Tilson.

Carolina.
Letter from Colonel
Blakiston about
sureties for Mr.
Johnson.
Acts of trade.
Letter to Mr.
Lowndes with draught
of a bond &c.

Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Treaty of commerce
France and Hanse
towns.

January 2. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

An Order of Council of the 6th of the last month (upon a repn. of this Board of the 22nd of Novr. foregoing) approving Robert Johnson esqr. for Govr. of Carolina and directing security to be taken for his observing the Acts of Trade &c. [*fos.* 145, 166], in that government, was read ; as were likewise two letters from Mr. Andrew Broughton and Mr. William Bonner offering to be sureties for Mr. Johnson upon this occasion ; whereupon Mr. Johnson attending was told their lordships were unacquainted with the said gentlemen, to which he answered that they being well known to Col. Blakiston, he could inform the Board of their characters ; and their lordships gave directions for signifying to Col. Blakiston their desire of speaking with him on Friday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Methuen of the 14th of the last month upon several letters and other papers from Mr. Wich his Majesty's resident at Hamburgh relating to our herring trade [*fos.* 48, 166] with that city, was read ; and the papers referred to in Mr. Secretary's said letter were laid before the Board vizt. :—

Extract of a letter from Mr. Wich his Majesty's resident at Hamburgh to the Lord Visct. Townshend, dated the 16th Octr., 1716.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Wich to his lordship, dated 30th Octr., 1716.

Extract of another letter from Mr. Wich to the Lord Viscount Townshend, dated 8th Decr., 1716.

Extract of the protocol of the Senate of Hamburgh, dated the 8th June, 1716.

Extract de protocol du Senat d'Hamburgh, Octr., 16th, 1716.

Copy of Mr. Wich memorial to the Senate of Hamburgh.

Extract du protocol d'Hamburgh, Octr. 30th, 1716.

Copy of the treaty with the city of Hamburgh for the herring trade, dated 31st Janry., 1711, with the ratification thereof.

Whereupon ordered that the Secry. [*fo.* 165] write to Mr. Tilson [*fo.* 174] to desire copies of what the Lord Visct. Townshend has writ from time to time to Mr. Wich upon this subject, since the new convention has been on foot.

January 4. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Col. Blakiston to the Secry. dated yesterday, relating to the characters and circumstances of Mr. Broughton and Mr. Bonner [*fos.* 164, 168], who have offered to be sureties for Mr. Johnson's observing the Acts of Trade and Navigation in his govtm. of Carolina was read ; whereupon a letter to Mr. Lowndes with the draught of a bond to be executed for that purpose by the said Mr. Broughton and Mr. Bonner, as the Lords Commrs. of the Treasury shall direct, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Methuen of the 3rd instant, inclosing the copy of a treaty of commerce concluded between France and the Hanse towns the 28th of Septr. last, was read, whereupon directions were given for abstracting the copy of the said treaty.

January 9. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Mr. Secy. Methuen of the 3rd instant for the opinion of this Board upon the petition of Mr. Melmoth to his Royal Highness, in behalf of Mr. Knight, Deputy Receiver General of Jamaica, relating to money issued out by the said Knight by order of the Govr. and Council of that island for the publick service thereof, which the Assembly are endeavouring to oblige the said Receiver to answer again, as set forth in the said petition, and praying directions may be immediately sent to Jamaica to stop any proceedings therein, till his Royal Highness's pleasure be further known, was read, together with the petition; whereupon ordered that Mr. Melmoth be acquainted that their lordships desire to speak with him on Friday morning next.

The Secretary acquainted the Board that Mr. Lowndes, sending for him to the Treasury, had made some objections to the draught of a bond transmitted to that office the 4th instant to be entered into by Mr. Broughton and Mr. Bonner [*fos.* 166, 171], for Mr. Johnson's observing the Acts of Trade &c. in his Govnt. of Carolina; ordered that Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Johnson and Col. Blakiston be desired to attend the Board on Friday morning next.

A letter from Col. Heywood, Commander in chief of Jamaica, dated 11th August, 1716, was read, and the papers therein referred laid before the Board vizt.:—

Copies of 4 letters to Lord Archd. Hamilton, late Govr. of Jamaica, from the Govrs. of the French settlements at Hispaniola, dated in June and July, 1716, complaining of piracies committed there &c.

Another letter from Col. Heywood dated the 18th of Sept., 1716 was read, and the papers therein referred to, laid before the Board vizt.:—

Copy of a letter from Col. Heywood to the Govr. of the Havana, dated August 16th, 1716.

Copy of a letter from Col. Heywood to the Govr. of St. Iago de Cuba, dated 24th Augt., 1716.

Copy of an address from the Independent Company of Spanish Town to the Govr.

A letter from Col. Heywood of the 10th of Octr., 1716, was likewise read, and the papers therein referred to, in like manner laid before their lordships vizt.:—

Copy of a letter from Stephen Smith, a pirate, to the Govr. of Jamaica, dated 23rd Sept., 1716, offering upon pardon to surrender.

Minutes of the Council of Jamaica from 25th July to 19th Sept., 1716.

Whereupon a letter to Col. Heywood, acknowledging the receipt of his three letters &c. abovementioned, and relating to the want of some minutes of the Council of Jamaica, was agreed and signed.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter Govr. of New Jersey &c. to the Secy. dated the 16th of Novr., 1716, together with an inclosed copy of another from Mr. Cox, relating to intended complaints against the said Govr. were read; whereupon ordered that a copy

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Jamaica.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Melmoth's petition.
Mr. Knight
Deputy Receiver
General.

Melmoth summoned.

Carolina.
Mr. Lowndes's
objections to draught
of bond.

Johnson.
Acts of trade.
Persons summoned.

Jamaica.
Letter from
Colonel Heywood.

Papers referred to.

2nd letter from
Colonel Heywood.

Papers referred to.

3rd letter from
Colonel Heywood.

Papers referred to.

Letter to
Colonel Heywood.

New Jersey.
Letter from
Brigadier Hunter
with one from
Mr. Cox.

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of the said letter and that from Mr. Cox, be prepared to be sent to Mr. Secry. Methuen.

New Jersey.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen
with one from
Brigadier Hunter
about designs
against him.

Carolina.
Attorney General.
Draught of a bond.
Mr. Johnson, acts
of trade &c.
Alterations.

Jamaica.
Mr. Melmoth &c.

Mr. Knight, Deputy
Receiver General.

January 11. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Methuen, pursuant to the last minutes for inclosing to him the copy of one from Brigadier Hunter Govr. of New Jersey &c. to the Secry. of this Board, and of a letter from Mr. Cox, late one of the Council of that province, relating to some designs against the said Govr.'s reputation here, was signed.

Mr. Attorney General attending, the draught of a bond, mentioned in the last minutes for Mr. Johnson's observing the Acts of Trade [fos. 168, 187], &c. in his government of Carolina, was communicated to Mr. Attorney, and by his advice the word, *executoribus*, [journal Dd. fo. 30] inserted instead of *successoribus*, according to the statute of the 33rd of King Henry the 8th chapter 39, and some other amendments made.

Mr. Melmoth attending, together with the following gentlemen, trading to or concerned in Jamaica, vizt.:—Sir Justus Beck, Mr. Morris, Col. Thompson, Col. Edlyn, Major Ascough, Mr. Moore, Mr. Forrard, Mr. Rigby, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Broderick, Mr. Wm. Cokburne, Col. Oldfield, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Compere, Major Hemmings, Mr. Parrot, Mr. Mitchel, and Mr. Wood, the said Melmoth's petition in behalf of Mr. Knight, Deputy Receiver General of that island, referred to this Board by Mr. Secry. Methuen's letter of the 3rd as mentioned in the minutes of the 9th instant, was again read; whereupon Mr. Melmoth and the other gentlemen being asked what proofs they had to offer for supporting the allegations of the petition, they referred to the minutes of the Council of Jamaica of the 14th Feby., 171 $\frac{5}{8}$, to shew that the Govr. and Council had ordered the sum of 3729*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.* out of the hands of Mr. Major to the Receiver General, with a list of the outstanding debts, as set forth in the said petition, and Mr. Rigby (late of the Council of that island), acquainted their lordships that the Govnt. of Jamaica being in great straits for money, and in danger of a second mutiny among the soldiers for want of subsistence, the Assembly having voted, what was formerly advanced to the soldiers out of the private pockets of the Govr. and Council, illegal, there appeared a necessity for this proceeding; that the said sum of money ordered out of the majors hands had been issued by the Receiver General for the public use of the government, pursuant to warrants from the Govr. in Council and chiefly for the soldiers, which he said would appear, from time to time by the minutes, affirming of his own knowledge, that there were several orders to the Receiver Genl. for such payments; and Mr. Broderick likewise said he saw three of the said payments; and an account was presented to the Board of several sums of money paid by the Receiver General for public service from the 14th Feby., 1715, to the 17th July, 1716, amounting in all to 4980*l.* 17*s.* 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; it being then asked what proofs they had, that the Assembly of Jamaica would oblige the Receiver General to repay the said sum, they produced the minutes of Assembly of

the 4th Octr., 1716, signed by the Clerk of the Assembly (which had not yet been transmitted to this Board) wherein it was voted that a clause be brought in for that purpose, and several letters were produced by Sir Justus Beck, Mr. Broderick and others in confirmation thereof, the extracts of which letters were left with the Secretary.

Mr. Melmoth and the forementioned gentlemen being withdrawn, a letter on this head, to Mr. Secretary Methuen, was agreed and signed.

January 16. Présent :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Isaac Duport attending, and his powers of attorney from several of the sufferers at St. Christophers by the French invasion, being examined at the Board, the seventeen debentures, according to their following numbers were delivered to him vizt.:—No. 150, 603, 606, 607, 613, 616, 619, 628, 630, 637, 642, 643, 646, 650, 651, 652, 656.

A letter from Mr. Tilson of the 4th instant, together with the extracts of several letters from the Lord Visct. Townshend to Mr. Wich, was read, as likewise the extract of a letter from Mr. Wich to Mr. Secry. Methuen, dated the 5th of this month N.S. all relating to the herring trade [*fos.* 166, 180] at Hamburgh. And their lordships taking into consideration Mr. Secry. Methuen's letter of the 14th of last month, upon the same subject, together with the several extracts and papers therein referred to, directions were given for preparing an answer to Mr. Secrys. said letter.

The Board taking likewise into consideration the copy of a treaty of commerce concluded with France and the Hanse Towns the 28th of Sept., 1716, transmitted to their lordships with Mr. Secry. Methuen's letter of the 3rd mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant; ordered that another letter be prepared to desire Mr. Secry. will please to let them have copies of such treaties as are now in force or have been formerly made between this kingdom and the Hanse Towns, in order to be compared and considered with the copy abovementioned.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of his Majesty's Customs, for an account of the imports and exports to and from this kingdom for the year ending at Christmas, 1715, to know when the like account for the following year will be ready, and to signify the Board's desire of speaking with him so soon as the first mentioned account shall be prepared.

The twenty copies of orders of Council undermentioned, upon several letters and representations of this Board, were read vizt. :—

Copy of an Order of Council of the 18th May, 1704, upon a repn. for confirming an Act passed in Jamaica, to reimburse John Sadler *gent.* &c. approving the same, as likewise four more Acts of that island.

Copy of an Order of Council, of 17th June, 1715, upon a repn. of 15th Dec. for taking security for the Govr. of Maryland, and approving the Dt. of instructions prepared for the Lord Guilford thereupon, relating to the Acts of Trade &c.

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Extracts of letters left.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.*

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Mr. Isaac Duport.

Debentures.

Trade.
*Letter from
Mr. Tilson.
Letters to Mr. Wich.*

*Herring trade.
Hamburgh.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.*
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*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen
for treaties between
England and the
Hanse towns.*

Trade.
*Letter to Mr. Martyn,
Inspector General, for
account of imports
and exports.*

Jamaica.
*Order of Council
confirming Sadler's
act.*

Maryland.
*Order of Council.
Approving
instructions of trade
for Lord Guilford.*

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Virginia.*Order of Council.
Decrease of 2sh. per
hogshead.***Antigua.***Order of Council.
Dean.**Ship seized.***New England.***Order of Council.
Colonel Burges
instructions.***Barbadoes.****Bahamas.****Trade.***Order of Council.**Mount Lucy**Plantation.**Settlement of**Bahamas.**African company's
petition.***Jamaica.***Order of Council.**Broderick**a councillor.**Order of Council.**Recalling Lord**Archibald Hamilton**and appointing**Colonel Heywood**Governor.***Trade.***Order of Council.**Exportation.**Woollen**manufactures.***New England.***Order of Council.**Colonel Shute's**commission.***Jamaica.***Order of Council.**Colonel Heywood's**instructions.**Order of Council**approving Pitt's**commission.***Leeward Islands.***Order of Council.**Stores of war.***New England.***Order of Council.**Lands.**Colonel Partridge.***Barbadoes.****Jamaica.****Antigua.***Order of Council.**approving three acts.**Summers-Read-**Murray.***St. Christophers.***Order of Council.**Lyddall, Clayton &c.*

Copy of an Order of Council of 9th upon a repn. of the 2nd of Sept., 1715, relating to the decrease of the revenue of two shillings per hogshead &c. in Virginia.

Copy of an Order of Council of 18th October, 1715, upon a repn. of 16th Sept. foregoing, about restoring to Mr. Dean his ship &c. seized at Antigua.

Copy of an Order of Council of 15th upon a repn. of the 8th Sept., 1715, with draught of instructions for Elizeus Burges esqr. Govr. of New England, and recommending persons to be of the Council, approving the same.

Copy of an Order of Council of 12th January, 17¹⁵/₁₆, upon 3 repns. one relating to an Act of Barbadoes to dock the intail of Mount Lucy Plantation, another on the petition of the proprietors of the Bahama Islands, touching the settlement thereof, and the third on the petition of the Royal African Company for shipping to encourage that trade, referring them to the Lords of the Committee.

Copy of an Order of Council of 10th March, 1715, upon a representation recommending Wm. Brodrick esqr. to be of the Council of Jamaica, approving the same.

Copy of an Order of Council of 21st May, 1716, upon the draught of a warrant for revoking Lord Archibald Hamilton's commissions and appointing Col. Heywood Govr. of Jamaica, approving the same.

Copy of an Order of Council of 6th April, 1716, upon a repn. relating to the decrease of the exportation of the woollen manufactures, referring it to the Lords of the Committee.

Copy of an Order of Council of 17th May, 1716, upon a repn. of 10th Do. with draught of commissions for Col. Shute to be Govr. of New England, approving the same.

Copy of an Order of Council of 27th May, 1716, approving the draught of instructions for Col. Heywood to be Govr. of Jamaica.

Copy of an Order of Council of 25th June, 1716, approving the draught of a commission for Thomas Pitt senr. esqr. to be Govr. of Jamaica.

Copy of an Order of Council, 6th July, 1716, upon a representation and account of stores of war, wanted in the Leeward Islands.

Copy of an Order of Council of 20th Sept. upon a repn. of 16th August, 1716, about granting some lands in New England, to Col. Partridge, approving the same.

Copy of an Order of Council 12th Novr., 1716, approving three Acts, one relating to Mr. Sommers, of Barbadoes, another to Mr. Read of Jamaica, and a third to Mr. Murray of Antigua, upon respective repns. from this Board.

Copy of an Order of Council 12th Novr. upon a repn. 17th Augt., 1716, upon the petition of Lyddle, Clayton &c. touching the discouragement they lie under from the uncertain tenure of their plantations in the late French part of St. Christophers.

Copy of an Order of Council of 6th Decr., 1716, upon a repn. for confirming two Acts passed at Nevis, one about *slaves*, the other for making a *fortification* there, approving the same.

Copy of an Order of Council of 17th upon a repn. of 14th Decr., 1716, relating to a supply of stores of war wanted in the Leeward Islands.

Copies of two Orders of Council of 17th Decr., 1716, upon a repn. of the same date, approving Mr. Keith, for Deputy Govr. of Pennsylvania, and relating to instructions to be given Mr. Penn, concerning the Acts of Trade.

Copy of an Order of Council of 21st Decr., 1716, upon a repn. of the 20th Dr. relating to Capt. Thauvet's being restored to a plantation in the late French part of St. Christophers.

January 17. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Doeminiq, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draughts of two letters to Mr. Secry. Methuen, directed yesterday to be prepared, one relating to the project of a convention with Hamburgh about the herring trade [*fo.* 174], the other to desire of Mr. Secry. the copies of any treaties of commerce made between this kingdom and the Hanse Towns, were agreed and signed.

An anonymous letter, appearing by the papers undermentioned to be from Mr. Thomas Walker, dated in August, 1716, relating to the present state of the Bahama Islands, and to pirates there, was read, and the papers therein referred to, laid before the Board vizt.:—

Copy of Thomas Walker junr.'s depositions relating to the pirates at the Bahama Islands and his father's life being threatened by one of them named Hornigold.

Copy of the deposition of Richard Ward, relating to Mr. Walker's preventing the Spaniards from the Havana invading the Bahama Islands on account of the robberies committed by the pirates there.

A Copy of General Francis Nicholson's letter to Thomas Walker.

Whereupon a letter to Mr. Secry. Methuen for transmitting to him copies of the said letter and depositions, in order to the receiving his Royal Highness's pleasure upon these and former advices concerning pirates &c. at the Bahama Islands, was signed.

January 22. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Doeminiq, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from the Lord Visct. Townshend of the 28th of August last, referring to the consideration of this Board, some extracts of letters &c. from Mr. Whitworth, relating to trade in Germany, was read, together with the said extracts.

A letter from the Lord Visct. Townshend, of the 12th September last, with the copy of one from Petersburg, dated to 10th of August foregoing relating to the trade of Muscovy, was read, and a letter prepared and signed to Mr. Secry. Stanhope in answer thereto.

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Nevis.

*Order of Council
approving two acts.*

Leeward Islands.

*Order of Council.
Stores of war.*

Pennsylvania.

*Two orders
of Council.
Approving Keith.
Penn's instructions.*

St. Christophers.

*Order of Council.
Thauvet's
plantation.*

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*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Convention with
Hamburgh.
Another letter to
Mr. Methuen.
Treaties with the
Hanse towns.*

Bahama's.

*Letter from
Mr. Walker.
Pirates.*

Papers referred to.

Letter to Mr.

Secretary Methuen.

Trade.

*Letter from
Lord Townshend.
Extracts from
Mr. Whitworth.
Germany.*

Trade.

*Letter from
Lord Townshend.
Petersburg.
Muscovy trade.
Letter to Mr.
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St. Christophers.
*John Mills.**Debenture.***Trade.**
Mr. Bignell from
*Inspector General.**Mr. Martyn.***Barbadoes.**
Letter from
Mr. Lowther.

Papers referred to.

January 25. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. John Mills attending, and his power of attorney from Samuel Earle, one of the sufferers by the French invasion at St. Christophers, being examined at the Board, the debenture numbered 617 was delivered to him.

The Secry. acquainting their lordships that Mr. Bignell from the Inspector General of the Customs office had been with him to desire an explanation of the letter writ to Mr. Martyn the 17th instant, relating to the accounts of exports and imports, ordered that Mr. Martyn, or in his absence, Mr. Bignell, be desired to attend this Board on Thursday morning next, with their ledger for the year ending at Christmas, 1715.

A letter from Mr. Lowther, Govr. of Barbadoes dated the 25th of Octr., 1715, was read, and the papers therein referred to laid before the Board vizt.:—

List of papers referred to in the foregoing letter.

Copy of a letter from Mr. Lowther to the Govr. of Martinique, dated 22nd August, 1715.

Copy of a letter from Monsr. Duquesne Govr. of Martinique, to Mr. Lowther dated 30th of Septr., 1715.

Copy of Mr. Lowther's commn. appointing Commrs. to make contracts for timber, iron work &c. for repair of the fortifications &c.

State of the magazines the 19th July, 1715.

A list of negroe slaves imported and exported from the 24th of April, 1714 to the 24th of April, 1715.

Naval officers list of ships entered and cleared at Barbadoes from Lady Day 1715, to midsummer following.

Lists of causes determined in the several courts of Chancery Errors and Common Pleas in Barbadoes, from the 12th of May, to the 21st of Septr., 1715, both inclusive as also of such causes as then remained depending in the said Courts.

Minutes of Council of Barbadoes from the 12th of May to the 2nd of August, 1715.

Minutes of the Assembly of Barbadoes from the 22nd of June to the 20th of Septr., 1715.

Nine Acts passed in Barbadoes in July, Septr. and October, 1715.

January 31. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

Plantations General.
Trade.*Letter from Mr.*
Secretary Methuen.
Naval stores from
*the plantations.**Letter to*
Mr. Bignell
for account of naval
stores imported.

A letter from Mr. Secry. Methuen of 29th instant, signifying his Majty's. pleasure that this Board transmit an account to be laid before his Majesty, of the quantities of naval stores furnished by his Majesty's Plantations in America, with their lordships opinion what encouragements may be proper to be given in order to procure greater quantities of such naval stores from those colonies was read ; whereupon a letter to Mr. Bignell in the absence of Mr. Martyn Inspector General of the Customs, was drawn up and agreed for an account of several species of naval stores imported into this kingdom from Christmas, 1714, to Christmas, 1715, of

rozin and turpentine from Christmas, 1707, to Christmas, 1715, and of cordage exported from Christmas, 1708, to Christmas, 1715.

And their lordships gave directions for preparing a letter to Mr. Lowndes, desiring him to move the Lords Commrs. of his Majesty's Treasury, that the Board may have an account from the Custom House of the imports and exports of several other species of goods.

February 4. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The three following accounts being recd. from the Inspector Genl's office at the Custom House, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

An Account of rozin and turpentine from Christmas, 1707 to Christmas, 1715.

An account of cordage exported from Christmas, 1708 to Christmas, 1715.

An acct. of pitch tar, masts, yards and boltsprits imported from Christmas, 1714 to Christmas, 1715.

Then the letter ordered at the last meeting to be prepared to Mr. Lowndes, desiring him to move the Lords Commrs. of his Majesty's Treasury, that this Board may have an account from the Custom house of the imports and exports of several other species of goods, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

The letter from Mr. Lowther Govr. of Barbadoes, dated the 25th of October, 1715, and the papers therein referred to, all mentioned in the minutes of the 25th of the last month, were laid before the Board, the said letter again read, and directions thereupon given for preparing an answer to Mr. Lowther.

A certificate from Mr. Hardinge, Deputy Remembrancer, of Security being given in his Majesty's exchequer for Mr. Johnson's [fos. 171, 192] observing the Acts of Trade &c. in the Govnt. of Carolina, was read ; whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Methuen be prepared wherewith to lay before his Majesty the usual draught of instructions to be given to the lords proprietors of Carolina, relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation.

February 6. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Cha. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Ordered that the Secretary write to the Commrs. of the Navy, for an acct. of the several species and quantities of naval stores that have been delivered for the use of the royal navy, from what places those stores have been imported at what rates and upon what conditions of payment they have been bought each year from 1696 to Christmas last.

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of an answer to Mr. Lowther's letters (mentioned in the last minutes) and made a progress therein.

And their lordships taking notice, that in one of his letters, Mr. Lowther mentions a trade carried on between his Majesty's Plantations and those of the French in America, and desiring directions therein ; their lordships found upon examination of the treaty of neutrality in America concluded in Novr., 1686, between this

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Plantations General.
Trade.
Letter to
Mr. Lowndes
for account from the
Custom House.

Trade.
Plantations General.
Accounts from the
Custom House.
Naval stores.

Letter to Mr.
Lowndes for other
accounts.

Barbadoes.
Letter from
Mr. Lowther.

Answer.
Carolina.
Certificate.
Deputy
Remembrancer.
Johnson.
Acts of trade.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.

Trade.
Letters to
Commissioners of
the navy.
Naval stores.

Barbadoes.
Letter to
Mr. Lowther.

Barbadoes.
Plantations General.
Trade with the
French settlements
in America.
Treaty of neutrality
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kingdom and France, such trade is forbid by the 5th and 6th articles ; whereupon they immediately agreed and signed a letter to Mr. Secry. Methuen desiring to be informed, whether the said treaty of 1686, is to be looked upon as still in force, in order to their sending the necessary directions in this matter to Mr. Lowther, according to his desire.

Jamaica.
*Letter from
Colonel Heywood.*

Papers referred to.

February 7. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Col. Heywood, commander in chief of Jamaica, dated the 14th of Novr. last, was read ; and the papers therein referred to, laid before the Board vizt. :—

Copy of an address from the Assembly of Jamaica to Col. Heywood, commander in chief of that island.

Minutes of the Council of Jamaica, from 20th Septr. to 9th Novr., 1716.

Lists of Acts passed in Jamaica in 1716.

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from Colonel
Hamilton.
Mr. Nevin and
Duport summoned.*

A letter from Col. Hamilton, Govr. of the Leeward Islands, dated the 30th of April, 1716, was read, and their lordships made a progress in the consideration thereof ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Nevin and Mr. Duport be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them at ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

St. Christophers.
*Letter from
General Hamilton.
Nevin and Duport
queried about
Mrs. Renoult a
papist.*

February 8. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Cha. Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Their lordships took again into consideration the letter from Genl. Hamilton, Govr. of the Leeward Islands, of the 30th of April last, mentioned in yesterday's minutes ; and Mr. Nevin with Mr. Duport attending as they had been desired, they were asked what they knew of Mrs. Renoult, who Col. Hamilton names among others, that have obtained grants of the late French lands in St. Christophers, upon fallacious suggestions ; whereupon Mr. Nevin said, she was reputed a papist, and never had a right to 500 acres, tho' she pretended to much more ; and Mr. Duport informed their lordships that he believed it might be easily proved she had frequented mass, and that her character was not the best, but he further said, that Mrs. Renoult having four daughters here of the protestant religion and of good reputation, the sollicitation of that grant to their mother was chiefly in view of the daughters interest, who were very deserving.

Mrs. Assaillie.

Mr. Duport.

As to Mrs. Assaillie, another who has obtained a warrant for a grant in the said island, they were enquired of concerning her in like manner as about Mrs. Renoult ; whereupon Mr. Duport said, he knew Mrs. Assaillie's father in St. Christophers, who being a protestant, was obliged to sell his plantation in the then French part for a small matter, and removed to the English quarter with his family, living a long time out of possession of his said plantation, but that he believes Mrs. Assaillie received but little of the consideration money ; Mr. Nevin said, that the plantation claimed by Mrs. Assaillie is possessed by General Hamilton, the present Govr. of the Leeward Islands, who commanding the English forces under Col. Codrington at the reduction of the French part of St. Christophers, had a grant

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from him of that plantation during the war, and that the same was granted to him by the name of Zubere's Plantation, who was then last in possession of it.

Mr. Secry. Methuen coming to the Board, their lordships acquainted him with the substance of Col. Heywood's letter (mentioned in yesterdays minutes) and that they thought it for his Majesty's service that a new Govr. be immediately sent to Jamaica.

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Jamaica.
Mr. Secretary
Methuen.

New Governor.

February 11. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Molesworth.

The Secretary acquainting their lordships, that Mr. Johnson, from the navy-office, had been with him, to desire, this Board might be informed, the quantities of naval stores, required by the letter writ to the Commissioners of the Navy, the 6th instant, could not be prepared in less than twelve months, but that their lordships might have an account of the prices in about a month; ordered that the Secretary let Mr. Johnson know the Board's desire of speaking with him thereupon on Wednesday morning next.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Methuen, ordered to be prepared the 4th instant, for laying before his Majesty the usual draughts of instructions to be given the lords proprietors of Carolina, for Mr. Johnson's observing the Acts of Trade [fo. 187], &c. in the government of that province, was signed.

Trade.
Johnson, navy-office.

Naval stores.

Johnson summoned.

Carolina.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Instructions.
Lords proprietors.
Colonel Johnson.
Acts of trade etc.

February 13. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Johnson, of the navy-office, attending, as desired, and being asked wherein the difficulty lay, of preparing immediately, the account desired by this Board, the 6th instant, of the quantities as well as prices of the several species of naval stores, bought for the use of the royal navy; he said, it would require many months to procure from his Majesty's several yards, returns of the quantities of each species of naval stores purchased there, which had not been yet made to the navy board: that the quantities of such stores imported, might be best known from the commissioners of the customs; but as for the species and prices, an account might be prepared thereof at the navy-office, in a month or six weeks.

Whereupon he was desired, that the species and prices, as required by their lordships might be dispatched with all expedition.

Ordered that Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford [fo. —], who have appeared as agents for Carolina, and Mr. Joseph Pace and Joshua Gee, merchants, be desired to attend the Board on Friday morning next; the former of the two last mentioned, with any other gentlemen concerned in bringing naval stores from the plantations, as he shall think fit to bring with him; and Mr. Gee, with some of those concerned in the design of raising hemp in or near Pennsylvania.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope, of the 29th December last, referring to this Board the memorial of the Earl of Sutherland, praying for a grant of the three lower counties adjoining to Pennsylvania, was read, together with the said memorial; and the Earl of Sutherland attending, acquainted the Board, that his several

Trade.
Johnson, navy-office.

Naval stores.

Carolina.
Plantations General.
Pennsylvania.
Boon and others
summoned.
Naval stores.

Pennsylvania.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Earl of Sutherland's
memorial.
3 lower counties.

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*Papers before
Attorney General.**Letter to him and
Mr. Solicitor.***Newfoundland.**
*Order of Council.
Weston and Cleeves.
Irregularities.
St. Peters.
Mr. Lewen
summoned.*

papers, whereby he proposed to prove that the lands be desired, were in the crown, and might be disposed of by his Majesty, were before Mr. Attorney General; and his lordship desired, the Board would please to press Mr. Attorney to hasten his report thereupon. A letter to Mr. Attorney, and Mr. Solicitor General on this subject, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

An Order of Council, of the 21st Decbr. last, referring to this Board the representation, &c. of Ambrose Weston, and William Cleeves, relating to irregularities in the fishery at St. Peters, &c. near Newfoundland, was read, as likewise the said representation. Whereupon ordered that Mr. George Lewen, mentioned in the said Order of Council, be desired to attend their lordships on Friday morning next, and bring with him the several papers referred to, in the said representation.

February 15. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Pennsylvania.
*Mr. Gee.
Naval stores.
Hemp.*

Mr. Joshua Gee, attending, as desired, their lordships had some discourse with him, relating to the furnishing this kingdom with naval stores from America and particularly the design of cultivating and improving of hemp in or near the province of Pennsylvania, and being asked what calculation the persons engaged in that design, had made, what stock they had raised &c.; as likewise concerning any further encouragement that may be necessary to be given for importing the said stores hither. He promised to consult some of the persons concerned in that undertaking, and to bring to the Board in writing, what they had to offer relating thereto, on Wednesday morning next.

*Answer in writing.***Massachusetts.**
Carolina.
*Mr. Dummer
and others.*

Mr. Dummer agent for the province of the Massachusetts Bay, with Mr. Borland and Col. Vetch, coming likewise to the Board, and afterwards Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford, who appear for the province of Carolina, together with Mr. Godin, Capt. Cole and Mr. James Crane, they were asked several questions about such species of naval stores that might be produced in those provinces and what further præmium they thought necessary to encourage the bringing those stores to Great Britain; whereupon they also promised to bring to their lordships memorials on that subject in writing, on Wednesday morning next.

Naval stores.

February 18. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Newfoundland.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Tulon's petition and
papers.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary Methuen of the 12th instant, for the opinion of this Board, upon the petition and other papers presented to his Majesty by Olivier Tulon, an inhabitant of St. Peters near Newfoundland, complaining of the proceedings of Messrs. Weston, Cleeves and Burdell, was read. And the Secretary acquainting their lordships that Mr. Lewen who appears for the said Weston, &c., had desired copies of the said petition and papers, ordered that he have copies thereof accordingly.

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from
General Hamilton.*

A letter from General Hamilton Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 14th of December last was read, and the papers therein referred to, laid before the Board vizt:—

Copy of the depositions of John Kenney and Josiah Carver, taken 10th December, 1716, relating to pirates.

Copy of the deposition of Abijah Savage, relating to pirates.

List of inhabitants in the Virgin Islands.

Letter from Mr. Hornbe, of Spanish Town, to General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated 15th November, 1716, relating to the inhabitants of the Virgin Islands, and to pirates in those parts.

Lists of persons recommended by General Hamilton to be of the several Councils in the Leeward Islands.

A bound book containing laws of Nevis, and of the Leeward Islands in general.

Whereupon a letter was immediately prepared and signed, wherewith to transmit to Mr. Secretary Methuen, copies of the said deposition, and of that part of General Hamilton's letter which relates to pirates, and the want of a man of war.

Ordered that the Secretary likewise transmit copies of the said depositions, and extract of General Hamilton's letter to Mr. Burchett, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

A letter from General Hamilton, dated the 14th of April, 1716, relating to an Act passed in the Leeward Islands, for an allowance to him for house-rent, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Nevin and Mr. Rowland Tryon, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Thursday morning next.

Then the letters from General Hamilton of the 10th and 30th of April, mentioned in the minutes of 15th June last, and 7th instant, were again read; and some directions given for preparing an answer thereto.

February 20. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Dummer, as likewise Mr. Joshua Gee, attending, their lordships had some further discourse with each of them, on the subject of supplying this kingdom with naval stores from America; whereupon they were severally desired to reduce into writing what they had said, or might have further to offer, relating thereto. Mr. Dummer being withdrawn.

Ordered that he be desired to bring his memorial on Monday morning next; and that Mr. Pace, Mr. Danson, and Mr. Sandford be likewise desired to attend at the same time.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, dated yesterday, with a report from the Board of Ordnance, upon the representations of this Board of 22nd June and 14th December last, relating to stores of war for the Leeward Islands, and the application of the duty of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. arising there, and in Barbadoes, was read, as likewise the said report; whereupon directions were given for preparing an answer to Mr. Lowndes.

February 21. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

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Papers referred to.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Leeward Islands.*

*Depositions etc. sent
Mr. Burchett.*

*Letter from
General Hamilton.*

*Act, house-rent.
Messrs. Nevin and
Tryon summoned.*

*Letter from
General Hamilton.*

Answer.

Trade.
Plantations General.
*Mr. Dummer,
Joshua Gee.
Naval stores.*

Persons summoned.

Barbadoes.
Leeward Islands.
*Letter from
Mr. Lowndes.
Stores of war.
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.*

Answer.

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Leeward Islands.
Messrs. Nevin and Tryon.
Act.
 1,000*l.* per annum.
Governor's house-rent.

Mr. Nevin and Mr. Rowland Tryon attending, as desired and being asked whether they knew anything of an Act of Antigua, referred in General Hamilton's letter of the 14th April last, for settling one thousand pounds per annum that country money upon him as Governor, in lieu of house-rent, during his government; Mr. Tryon said, he had lately received the said Act, and now presented the same to the Board. Their lordships had then some discourse with these gentlemen concerning returns from the Leeward Islands to this kingdom, and how much one thousand pounds in those islands would produce here in sterling money; whereupon Mr. Nevin and Mr. Tryon were desired to bring what they had said in writing, and to offer any other reasons they might think fit to induce his Majesty to confirm the said Act, which they promised accordingly.

Newfoundland.
Mr. Lewen.
Weston and Cleeves.

Mr. George Lewen attending, in relation to the Order of Council, mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant, he was asked if he had any thing to offer in support of the representation of Weston and Cleeves, therein referred; to which he answered, that the papers he had lately brought, which are mentioned in that representation, would make the allegations clear, and that Mr. Franklin, consul at Bilboa, who is now in London, was able to give their lordships a further account of it; Mr. Lewen was then desired to put into writing what he might think necessary to add upon the subject of the said representation, and bring the same on Wednesday morning next.

Mr. Franklin
summoned.

Ordered that the said Mr. Franklin, Consul at Bilboa, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him thereupon at the same time.

Leeward Islands.
Barbadoes.
Letter to
Mr. Lowndes.
Stores of war.
4½ per cent.

The draught of a letter, ordered the 20th instant, to be prepared, in answer to that from Mr. Lowndes, of the 19th relating to stores of war for the Leeward Islands, and the duty of 4½ per cent. there, and in Barbadoes was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

New England.
Plantations General.
Trade.
Mr. Dummer and
others.
Memorial
Naval stores.

February 25. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth. Mr. Dummer attending, as desired, with Mr. Sandford, Mr. Pace, Mr. Fanueil, Mr. Jetsen, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Borland, and Mr. Stoddard. Mr. Dummer presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the species and quantities of naval stores that may be raised in New England, and upon what terms they may be imported here, which memorial was read; and the other gentlemen above mentioned being asked if they concurred therein, they acquainted the Board, that they had perused the said memorial, and approved thereof as their own sentiments, several of the particulars being of their own knowledge.

Mr. Dummer representing in the said memorl. that a master of a ship, now in town, reported that he had made chain-plates and rudder-irons for his ships out of New England iron; he was desired to bring the said master to the Board, and any thing further they might have to offer, in writing, on this subject.

Carolina.
Plantations General.
Trade.
Mr. Boon and others.

Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford, agents for Carolina, as also Mr. Baron and Mr. Crane, who are concerned in the trade to that province, attending with two rope-makers, vizt.:—Mr. Stephen Hughs

and Mr. Alexander Allen, the memorial lately presented by some of these gentlemen and others, relating to the raising naval stores in Carolina, was read; and several samples of twine, which had been made up some with the Swedish tar only, some with a mixture of Swedish and Carolina tar, and some with Carolina tar alone, were shewn to their lordships.

These gentlemen then added in discourse, that New England and the West Indies are supplied with Carolina tar, besides what is brought to Great Britain directly from Carolina; that there is now made in that province, tar enough of the cool sort fit for cordage, to supply the demands of Great Britain; Mr. Crane affirming he had lately an hundred barrels from thence, which he tendered to ye officers of the navy, who answered, they did not want it; and Mr. Allen said that there is not at present two hundred barrels of Swedish tar to be bought in London, which small quantity would be worked up in seven days; that therefore, as well in his Majesty's yards, as elsewhere, they do certainly use plantation tar, whatever may be pretended to the contrary; Mr. Allen further affirmed, that the tar lately imported by Mr. Beresford from Carolina, was better than ever yet came from thence, and in his judgment was equal in goodness with the Swedish tar; but that for interest sake they did not generally own the plantation tar to be so good as Swedish, that the former might be bought the cheaper; Mr. Hughs who said, he had been sixteen years acquainted with Carolina tar, concurred with Mr. Allen, that the same was now lately become equally good with the Stockholm. And as to the different qualities of tar, with respect to its consistence they said, the thinner sort was most proper to be used on wood and the thicker for ropes. It was further observed by some of the gentlemen present, that Finland, where most of the Swedish tar was produced, being now depopulated, we could not at present be furnished from thence; whereupon they were desired to procure some proof whether the plantation tar, said to be used in his Majesty's yards, were approved there, or only made use of by necessity; and that they would put into writing, and bring to their lordships what they might have further to offer in relation to naval stores.

February 27. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cockburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

A petition from the merchants and traders of Bydeford to Newfoundland, relating to a man of war for securing the ships bound thither on the fishery against pirates, &c., being brought yesterday to this office by Capt. Cleaveland, and Mr. Jos. Davie, the same was now read, and a letter to Mr. Secretary Methuen thereupon immediately agreed and signed.

Mr. Joshua Gee attending, presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the production and importation of naval stores and iron &c., from Pennsylvania, and other parts of America, which was read; and upon consideration of several Acts of Parliament for encouraging the importation of several species of such stores from thence, the said memorial was, at Mr. Gee's request, returned to him for some additions and amendments.

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Naval stores.
Twine.

Carolina tar.

Swedish tar.

Trade etc.

Plantation tar.

Newfoundland.
Merchants petition.
Man of war.
Pirates.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.

Pennsylvania.
Mr. Gee.
Naval stores.

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Trade.
 Newfoundland.
*Mr. Frankland and
 others.
 Memorial.
 Bilboa.
 Fish.
 St. Peters.*

*Mr. Lewen,
 memorial.*

Mr. Frankland, consul at Bilboa, attending with Mr. George Lewen, Mr. Haynes, and Mr. Arbuthnot ; Mr. Frankland presented to the Board, a memorial containing a relation of the facts concerning Capt. Willm. Measurer's usage and treatment at Bilboa in November, 1716, on account of a cargo of fish brought thither from St. Peters on the coast of Newfoundland, being the same referred to in the papers annexed to the Order in Council upon Mr. Weston and Cleeve's representation of the irregularities in the fishery there, which was read the 13th instant ; and Mr. Lewen likewise presented to their lordships a memorial of his sentiments of the case of the said Weston and Cleeves, and the Newfoundland trade in general, with an affidavit of Mr. Weston and Cleeves, all which papers their lordships resolved to take into consideration the first opportunity.

February 28. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne,

Trade.
 Newfoundland.
*Irregularities.
 Fishery.
 Weston, Cleeves.*

Tulon.

Lewen's memorial etc.

Tulon.

Valier summoned.

Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth. Their lordships taking into consideration the irregularities in the fishing at Newfoundland, and some complaints of proceedings there, the Order of Council of 21st December with the representation of Ambrose Weston and William Cleeves, mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant, as likewise Mr. Secretary Methuen's letter of the 12th, with the petition and papers thereto annexed, relating to Olivier Tulon, mentioned in the minutes of the 18th of this month, were again read.

The memorial presented yesterday by Mr. Lewen relating to the case of the said Weston and Cleeves, about seizing some fish taken by Olivier Tulon at St. Peters, and relating to the Newfoundland trade in general, was likewise read ; as also the affidavit of Weston and Cleeves therein referred to ; whereupon their lordships gave some directions for preparing the draught of a representation, relating to the trade and fishery of Newfoundland ; and ordered that Mr. Valier, agent for the forementioned Tulon, have notice to attend the Board on Monday morning next.

March 4. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Newfoundland.
*Valier, Toulon.
 St. Peters.*

Mr. Valier, agent for Olivier Tulon, attending, according to appointment, their lordships had some discourse with him relating to the fish taken by the said Tulon at St. Peters near Newfoundland ; and since seized at Bilboa in Spain ; whereupon Mr. Valier was desired to attend again on Thursday morning next, with the forementioned Tulon, who, he said, was in town, and that they bring with them at the same time what authentick papers they had upon that subject.

Carolina.
 Plantations General.
 Trade.
*Mr. Boon and others.
 Carolina tar.*

Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford, agents for Carolina, attending, together with Mr. Baron, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Godin, who trade thither, they produced a certificate from several ropemakers relating to the goodness of Carolina tar, which was read ; and Mr. Crane, who said, he procured the said certificate, acquainted their lordships, that there is scarce a ropemaker here, but uses Carolina tar, most of them having quantities of it by them, and none making objections

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to it. Sir Thomas Johnson, member of parliament for Liverpool, coming likewise to the Board, acquainted them, that in the trade wherein he is concerned Carolina tar is now and has been made use of for cordage these four years past, without any manner of complaint, though it was necessity at first made them take it, the Swedish tar being till then reputed the best, though at present the plantation tar is found as good.

A memorial from Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford, relating to the encouragement necessary to be given for the raising and importing to this kingdom several species of naval stores from the plantations, was presented to the Board, and read; and the gentlemen above-mentioned concurring in opinion therein, signed the same. Sir Thomas Johnson further observed, that if good encouragement were given for bringing iron from America, it would facilitate the bringing of hemp, which latter would pay the easier freight, when iron served as ballast.

Mr. Coram attending, at the request of Mr. Dummer, agent for the Massachusetts Bay, acquainted their lordships, in relation to the iron made there, that having built a vessel in that country, he made use of New England iron, such as he had bespoken for the chain plates and rudder-irons; that there is only want of encouragement and good workmen to make the best iron there; whereupon he was desired to bring a memorial thereof in writing, and to give his opinion what encouragement might be sufficient for the bringing hemp as well as iron from those parts into Great Britain; which he promised accordingly.

March 5. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison.

A letter from Mr. Burchett, Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated yesterday, upon one writ him the 18th of last month, relating to men of war for the Leeward Islands, Barbadoes, and Jamaica, and to the instructions given to their commanders concerning pirates, was read.

Mr. Armstrong attending, presented to the Board an Order of Council, of the 2nd instant, referring to their lordships a petition from himself and others, late officers and soldiers in the service of the crown, praying a settlement for themselves and their families in certain uninhabited lands and islands between Nova Scotia and the province of Main in New England in America, which order and petition were read; and the said Armstrong was desired to bring in writing on Friday morning next, what he had further to offer upon that subject, which he accordingly promised.

March 7. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Valier attending, as desired with Olivier Tulon, a petition with several papers thereto annexed, were presented to their lordships from the said Tulon, the said petition setting forth that he is an old inhabitant of the island of St. Peters near Placentia in Newfoundland, and has taken the oath to his Majesty King George,

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iron.**Hemp.**Massachusetts.
Coram.**Iron.**Hemp.**Leeward Islands.**Barbadoes.**Jamaica.**Letter from
Mr. Burchett.**Men of war.**Pirates.**Nova Scotia.**New England.**Mr. Armstrong.
Order of Council.
Disbanded officers.
Settlement.**Newfoundland.**Mr. Valier.**Tulon's petition and
papers.*

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that he had been molested in his habitation there, &c., and praying he may have justice done him not only in relation to a quantity of codfish that has been stopped at Bilboa in Spain, but that for the future he may live peaceably in his said habitation with the same privilege, and no other restriction than the rest of the British subjects, which petition was read, and the said Tulon being thereupon asked several questions, he said, he had been five or six years in possession of one half of the plantation he has now at St. Peters, the other half having been purchased by him since ; that his ordinary abode both before and since the late peace with France, was at the island of St. Peters ; that he and the other French inhabitants who stayed, were authorized to fish by a declaration of the Governor of Placentia, pursuant, as he conceived, to the treaty of peace ; which declaration, he said, was fixed to the church doors ; that Capt. Taverner was sent by the said Govr. to administer the oaths to the inhabitants at St. Peter's, and the said Tulon produced a certificate under Capt. Taverner's hand, of his having taken the oaths to Her Majesty, the 20th of July, 1714 ; that there are at present about 150 French on the island of St. Peters, 7 or 8 whereof are masters of families, who fish there, and none of them have been molested besides himself, tho' they had servants likewise from France. The said Tulon was then desired to bring to the Board on Monday morning next an account in writing of such French as have brought and employed any servants from France in the fishery at St. Peter's or other parts near Newfoundland, which he promised accordingly.

Tulon to attend.

Trade.
Carolina.
Plantations General.
Mr. Gee.
Memorial.
Naval stores.

Iron.

Mr. Joshua Gee attending, presented to the Board a memorial relating to the several species of naval stores to be produced in Pennsylvania, Carolina, and other parts of America, and to the encouragement necessary to be given for importing each sort into this kingdom, which was read. And in discourse, Mr. Gee assured their lordships, as to iron in particular, that if fitting encouragement were given for making it in America, he had good reason to believe there would not want undertakers to engage in it, for the better supply of this kingdom.

March 8. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth.

New England.
Nova Scotia.
Mr. Armstrong,
disbanded soldiers.

Mr. Armstrong and others attending, presented to their lordships an estimate of the charge of settling a colony of disbanded soldiers in North America, according to their petition, mentioned in the minutes of the 5th instant, which estimate was read, and their lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration at the first opportunity.

Newfoundland.
Trade.
Papers.
Fish, Bilboa.
Tulon.

The following papers relating to some fish seized at Bilboa, which had been taken at St. Peter's near Newfoundland by Olivier Tulon, being received from the Secretary's office were severally read, vizt:—

Copie de la lettre de Monsr. Bubb au Marquis de Grimaldo dix septième de Decembre, 1716.

Traduction du Memoire du Capitne. Mesurer, à sa Majesté Catholique.

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Extract of a letter from Mr. Secry. Methuen to Mr. Bubb, dated the 3rd of January, 171 $\frac{6}{7}$.

March 11. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Micajah Perry, Capt. Hyde, Mr. Bradley, and Mr. Joshua Gee, attending, their lordships had some discourse with them, relating to the production of naval stores in Virginia, as well as other parts of America; whereupon the three gentlemen first mentioned, particularly said, that if proper encouragement were given, all sorts of naval stores and iron might be had from that colony, and Mr. Gee concurring with them in a complaint of inconveniences to which our Plantations are subject by a statute now in being here, relating to the transportation of servants thither; these gentlemen were desired to consult together, and lay before this Board what they might have to offer, either on the subject of naval stores, or the prejudices arising to the Plantations from any Act of parliament at present in force, which they promised to do accordingly.

Trade.
Virginia.
Plantations General.
Micajah Perry and others.
Naval stores.

Mr. Valier attending with Olivier Tulon, they presented to the Board, a copy attested by Capt. Taverner, of Col. Moody's declaration which was first at the church door on the island of St. Peters, near Newfoundland, relating to the French inhabitants selling their effects, or remaining as British subjects there, after the late treaty of peace with France; as likewise a list from the said Taverner, of the French inhabitants who remained at St. Peter's; which papers their lordships resolved to consider the first opportunity.

Newfoundland.
Mr. Valier, Tulon.

The draught of a representation relating to the production of naval stores in America and the encouragement to be given for bringing the same to this kingdom, was read, and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

Trade.
Plantations General.
Representation.
Naval stores.

Ordered that Sir Thomas Johnson, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Bridger, and some of the ropemakers, who have been lately at the Board, be acquainted that their lordships desire to speak with them on Wednesday morning next.

Persons summoned.

March 13. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Sir Thomas Johnson attending, as desired, their lordships had some further discourse with him relating to naval stores to be produced in his Majesty's Plantations; and the samples of twine dipped in Carolina and Swedish tar, which were lately brought to the Board from the ropemakers, being shewn to Sir Thomas and his opinion asked thereupon, he said, it was hard to judge but by the wearing of the cordage; that the ropemakers whom he had employed, assured him, the Carolina tar was very good, which he had reason to believe; and being asked whether oil was not sometimes mixed with tar to correct the ill quality of it, he said, he never made use of any, tho' he knew not but others might.

Trade.
Plantations General.
Carolina.
Sir Thomas Johnson.
Naval stores.
Twine.

In relation to hemp of the growth of England, Sir Thomas said, it was found very good for white ropes, but it does not take tar

English hemp.

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Iron.

so well as the hemp from the east country ; that one tun of hemp may take up in working about a fifth of a tun of tar.

As to iron, he said, it may be had from the Plantations, and that we cannot distress the Swedes more than in procuring that commodity from thence. That the iron made in England is very good, but properest for fine work.

Oak.

In relation to oak, he said, that tho' many ships were built of Plantation oak, yet it did not come up to our English oak in goodness.

Virginia.
Trade.
Mr. Byrd.
Hemp.
Iron.

Mr. Byrd, likewise attending, their lordships made some inquiries of him concerning the raising hemp and making iron in Virginia ; whereupon he acquainted them, that he had raised hemp in that country for his own use these six or seven years ; that the ropemakers declare they never saw better from the east country, it having a fine grain and taking tar as well as any, that those lands in Virginia which are proper for hemp, are not fit for tobacco ; as to iron, he said, there was a deal of ore in Virginia, tho' not yet found rich enough, but that very good ore was discovered in Pennsylvania. And Mr. Byrd being desired to bring a memorial of what he could offer to their lordships for promoting the importation of these and other naval stores from America, he promised to do it on Monday morning next.

Trade.
New England.
Mr. Bridger.
Naval stores.

Mr. Bridger, likewise attending, he was desired to peruse his late memorial and papers presented to this Board, relating to naval stores, and to add what he might have further to offer upon that subject, which he promised accordingly.

Trade.
Carolina.
Mr. Boon and others.
English hemp.

Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford agents for Carolina, attending, with Mr. Crane, as likewise Mr. Allen, the ropemaker, they were asked their opinion concerning hemp of the growth of England ; whereupon Mr. Allen said, that English hemp does not take tar well, but is very good for white ropes ; and the samples of twine above mentioned being produced again to Mr. Allen for his opinion whether there did not appear some difference therein, he said, the difference, if any, was not in the quality of the tar, but the hard or looser twisting the hemp, whereby it received more or less tar, and he as well as the gentlemen abovementioned concurred in their former opinion that the tar lately brought from Carolina, was as good for cordage as any whatever.

Nova Scotia.
Mr. Capon
summoned.

Ordered that Mr. Capon, lately arrived from Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, be desired to attend the Board on Friday morning next.

March 15. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Addison.

Trade.
Nova Scotia.
Mr. Capon.
Account of the
province.

Mr. Capon, lately arrived from Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, attending as desired, he was asked several questions relating to that province ; whereupon he gave their lordships the description of several convenient harbours and fishing places, the plenty of fish taken there, the fertility of the soil in most places of the said province, which, he said, produces good corn of all sorts, and several parts are fit for hemp, wherewith the French inhabitants already supply themselves ; he likewise gave the Board some account of the French settlement and fishery at Cape Breton ; and Mr. Capon

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being desired to put into writing, and bring to this Board the most material parts of what he had now said upon each particular head, he promised to do it accordingly.

March 18. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Addison.

Mr. Byrd, attending, presented to their lordships a memorial and representation relating to the propagation of hemp and other naval stores in Virginia, and other his Majesty's Plantations in America, which were read.

Mr. Joshua Gee likewise attending, presented to the Board a memorial relating to the production of naval stores in Pennsylvania, and other parts of America, which was read, and the said memorial containing the same as that from him, mentioned in the minutes of the 7th inst., besides a clause relating to the transporting servants to the Plantations, Mr. Gee, upon his request, had the former memorial returned him.

Trade.
Virginia.
Plantations General.
Byrd's memorial.
Naval stores.

Trade.
Pennsylvania.
Plantations General.
Gee's memorial.
Naval stores.

March 20. Present—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

A memorial from Mr. Bridger, relating to naval stores and the præmiums upon importation of them from America, was read.

New England.
Plantations General.
Trade.
Bridger's memorial.
Naval stores.
Letter from Coram.
Hemp, iron.

A letter from Mr. Coram to the Secretary, of the 18th instant, with a memorial relating to hemp and iron to be produced in the Plantations, were likewise read.

And the memorial and representation from Mr. Byrd, mentioned in Monday's minutes, upon the same subject of naval stores, were again read.

Virginia.
Plantations General
Trade.
Naval stores.

Whereupon their lordships resolved to proceed tomorrow morning in the further consideration of the draught of a report to be made about supplying this kingdom with naval stores from America.

Report.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, Secretary to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, dated the 16th instant, was laid before the Board, with a letter from Mr. Skene, late secretary of Barbadoes, and some naval officer's lists of ships entered and cleared at that island from Michaelmas, 1703 to Lady Day, 1704, and duplicates of other papers which have lain in the custom house.

Barbadoes.
Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Naval officers lists
&c. from Skene.

March 21. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the draught of a representation relating to the production of naval stores in America, and the encouragement to be given for bringing the same to this kingdom, and resolved to proceed therein again tomorrow morning.

Plantations General.
Trade.
Representation.
Naval stores.

March 22. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The Secretary acquainting the Board, that Mr. Justinian Loggan, having lately obtained a commission in his Majesty's Guards,

Miscellanies.
Mr. Loggan resigns.

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*Mr. A. Popple
admitted.**Clerks salaries.*

desired leave of their lordships to quit his employment of clerk in this office ; their lordships agreed thereto, and were pleased to admit Mr. Alured Popple, who was recommended by Sir Jacob Astley, to supply the vacancy of a clerk's place, at the rate of 40*l.* per annum. And ordered that the other clerks be advanced according to their seniority in the office, whereby the said clerks will have allowances, as follows, vizt. :—

	£	
Samuel Gellibrand, at	80	} per annum.
Israel Hudson, at	70	
Anthony Sanderson, at	60	
William Gray, at	50	
William Hodskin, at	50	
Thomas Holford, at	40	
Alured Popple, at	40	

**Plantations General.
Trade.***Representation.
Naval Stores.*

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the draught of a representation, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, relating to the production of naval stores in America, and the encouragement to be given for bringing the same to this kingdom, and resolved to proceed therein again tomorrow morning.

March 23. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

**New England.
Plantations General.
Trade.***Letter from
Mr. Burchett.
Naval Stores.***Trade.***Letter to
Inspector General.
Exports—imports.
Scotland.*

A letter from Mr. Burchett, Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, together with the copy of one from Mr. Bridger, relating to naval stores, and the Act of Parliament for encouraging the importation thereof from America, were read.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of the Customs, to know, as soon as may be, whether in the accounts of exports and imports, which he has from time to time laid before this Board, Scotland be included ; in case it be, to desire he will let their lordships have out of hand an account of the exports of linens from Great Britain for the last year. If Scotland is not included, then only an account of the said exports from England for the said time.

Linens exported.

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Antigua.*Byam's petition.
Archibald Cochran,
councillor.
Representation.*

March 25. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A petition from Mr. Edward Byam, of London, merchant, praying that Archibald Cochran esqr. may be recommended to be of his Majesty's Council of Antigua, being read ; the draught of a representation, recommending him to be of the said Council, was agreed and signed.

**Trade.
Ireland.***Letter from Thorne,
sugars.**Attorney General
summoned.*

A letter from Mr. Thomas Thorne to Mr. John Earle, merchant at Liverpool, dated the 19th of last month, relating to some sugars brought to Ireland from France or the French Plantations, being communicated to the Board by Sir Thomas Johnson, the same was read ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Attorney General be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him concerning the subject of that letter on Wednesday morning next.

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the draught of a representation, mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd instant, relating to the production of naval stores in America, and the encouragement to be given for bringing the same to this kingdom, and resolved to proceed therein again on Wednesday morning next.

March 27. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the draught of a representation, mentioned in the minutes of the 25th instant, relating to the production of naval stores in America, and the encouragement to be given for bringing the same to this kingdom, and resolved to proceed therein tomorrow morning.

Mr. Attorney General attending, as desired, their lordships had some discourse with him relating to the importation of sugars, &c., from the French Plantations to Ireland; whereupon he said, there was no other restriction in that matter, but what is contained in the Act of Navigation, which he was of opinion, did not extend to the hindering French ships from bringing the goods of the growth of their own Plantations to Ireland. [N.B.—Mr. Attorney Genl. gave another opinion in writing on the 10th May following, which was read ye 13th of the same month].

Their lordships then agreed and signed a letter to the Lords of the Treasury, inclosing a copy of the letter from Mr. Thomas Thorne, upon this subject, mentioned in the minutes of the 25th instant.

A letter from the Earl of Sutherland, desiring an authentick copy of Mr. Penn's declaration; relating to the three lower counties on Delaware river, which was made when Mr. Keith was sent Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania, was read; and a copy of the said declaration ordered, as his lordship desired.

Ordered that Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of the Customs, be reminded of the letter writ him last Saturday, for an account of linnen exported from Great Britain, and that his answer be desired as soon as may be.

March 28. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Addison.

Their lordships agreed and signed the representation, relating to the production of naval stores in America, and the encouragement to be given for bringing the same to this kingdom, as mentioned in yesterday's minutes; as likewise signed a letter for inclosing the said representation to Mr. Secretary Methuen, in order to be laid before his Majesty.

March 29. Present: Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Mr. Martyn, Inspector Genl. of the Customs, in answer to that writ him the 23rd instant, relating to the exports and imports of Scotland, and the exports of linnen from Great Britain or England, was read; whereupon directions were given

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Trade.
Plantations General.
Representation.
Naval stores.

Plantations General.
Trade.
Representation.
Naval stores.

Trade.
Ireland.
Attorney General.
Sugars.
French plantations.
Act of navigation.

Letter to Lords of
Treasury.
Thorne's letter.

Pennsylvania.
Letter from Earl of
Sutherland.
Penn's declaration.

Trade.
Letter to
Inspector General.
Linnen exported.

Trade.
Plantations General.
Representation.
Naval stores.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.

Trade.
Letter from
Inspector General.
Exports, imports,
Scotland.

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*Letter to
Mr. Lowndes,
annual accounts.*

to the Secretary, for writing to Mr. Lowndes, to move the Lords of ye Treasury, that this Board may have an annual account of the general imports and exports to and from Scotland, as promised by ye Commissrs. of the Customs in that part of Great Britain by their letter, mentioned in the minutes of the 7th Decbr., 1710. [Trade, Bund. L. No. 73].

April 3. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Doernique, Mr. Addison.

Pennsylvania.
*Mr. Gee.
Old charters.*

The Secretary acquainting the Board that Mr. Joshua Gee had desired to peruse such copies or entries as are in this office, of the old charters from king Charles the Second to the duke of York, which may relate to the three lower counties adjoining to Pennsylvania; ordered that he have liberty to peruse them accordingly.

3 lower counties.

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Consul at Ostend.
Flanders merchants
summoned.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope of the 26th of last month, for the opinion of ye Board upon a proposal from the consul at Ostend, relating to the trade carried on between Flanders and Spain under British passes, was read; whereupon ordered that Sir Thomas Scawen, Mr. Livinus Dorpere, Mr. White, Mr. Edward Atkins, and Mr. John Waller, who trade to Flanders, &c., be acquainted that their lordships desire to speak with them at ten of the clock, on Friday morning next.

Jamaica.
*Letter from
Colonel Heywood.*

A letter from Col. Heywood, commander in chief of Jamaica, dated ye 1st December, 1716, was read, and the papers therein referred to, laid before the Board, as follows, vizt.:—

Papers referred to.

Copy of a letter from the Governor of Havana to Col. Heywood, commander in chief of Jamaica, dated the 8th of October, 1716.

Minutes of the Council of Jamaica in Assembly, from the 17th of September to the 17th of November, 1716.

*Letter from
Colonel Heywood.*

Another letter from Col. Heywood, dated the 3rd of December, 1716, was read; and the Acts and papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt.:—

Papers referred to.

Copy of a deposition of Joseph Eels, relating to a French ship piratically taken.

Minutes of Assembly from the 17th September, 1716, to the 17th Novbr. following inclusive.

Nine Acts passed in Jamaica, the 10th of November, 1716.

*Letters to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.*

Whereupon ordered that the draughts of two letters be prepared to Mr. Secretary Methuen, the one for inclosing to him parag. A and C. of Col. Heywood's said letter relating to pirates, and a copy of the forementioned deposition on the same subject; the other to inclose a copy of paragraph B of the same letter relating to the ill state of his Majesty's forces in Jamaica, in order to the signification of his Majesty's pleasure upon those matters.

Trade.
*Mr. Inspector
General.*

*Letter to
Mr. Lowndes.
Imports, exports,
Scotland.
Inspector's ledgers.*

Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of the Customs, attending, their lordships had some discourse with him upon the subject of his letter, mentioned in the minutes of the 29th of the last month; after which, their lordships agreed the draught of a letter, ordered to be prepared to Mr. Lowndes the same day relating to the imports and exports to and from Scotland, and to the furnishing this office from time to time with copies of the Inspector General's ledgers.

April 4. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

The draughts of letters ordered yesterday to be prepared for inclosing to Mr. Secretary Methuen, the extracts of Col. Heywood's letter of the 3rd December last, &c., relating to pirates in the West Indies, and the ill state of his Majesty's forces in Jamaica, were agreed and signed.

April 5. Present :—Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

A memorial from Mr. Tryon, and Mr. Nevin, relating to an Act passed in Antigua, the 2nd of March 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, for settling 1000*l.* per annum on Genl. Hamilton Governor of the Leeward Islands, during the continuance of his government, was read ; whereupon ordered that Col. Blakiston be acquainted with the Board's desire of speaking with him at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning next.

The Secretary acquainting the Board, that Mr. Oldfield desired their lordships would please to grant him a copy of the Act passed in Jamaica in November last entitled, *an Act to oblige the several inhabitants of this island to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white people, &c.*, and that Mr. Russell desired their lordships would take into consideration another Act passed there at the same time, entitled, an Act to prevent negroes being evidence against Dorothy the wife, and John, Thomas, and Francis, sons of John Williams a free negro ; ordered that Mr. Oldfield have a copy of the first mentioned Act as desired ; and that the said Act relating to the wife and sons of John Williams, be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

A letter from General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated 25th May, 1716, was read.

Another letter from him, dated ye 28th June, 1716, was read, and the list of six Acts passed at Antigua, in 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, and 1716, referred to in the said letter, was laid before the Board, together with the said Acts, as likewise an Act passed at St. Christophers in 1716, entitled, an Act to repeal a clause in the late Common Law Act.

A third letter from General Hamilton, Govr. of the Leeward Islands, dated the 12th of July, 1716, was read ; and the act therein referred to, passed at Antigua the 19th of June, 1716, entitled, an Act to prohibit the importation of French and other foreign sugars, rum, cotton or melosses into this island, was laid before the Board.

A fourth letter from him, dated ye 22nd of August, 1716, was read, and the Acts therein referred to, passed at Antigua in July and August, 1716, for encouraging the importation of white servants and for appointing an agent, were laid before the Board.

A fifth letter from General Hamilton, dated the 3rd of October, 1716, was read, and the papers and Act therein referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Lists of persons recommended to be of the respective Councils in the Leeward Islands.

List of the inhabitants of Anguilla.

An Act to explain part of an Act entitled, an Act for the settlement of the militia of this island.

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Jamaica.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Pirates.
King's forces.

Antigua.
Messrs. Tryon and
Nevin's memorial
Act.
Governor's house-rent.
Colonel Blakiston
summoned.

Jamaica.
Mr. Oldfield.
Copy of an act.

Mr. Russell,
about another.

sent the
Attorney General.

Leeward Islands.
Letters from
General Hamilton.
2nd.

3rd.

4th.

5th.

Papers referred to.

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*Letter to
General Hamilton.*

Whereupon their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to General Hamilton in answer to those above-mentioned, and others received from him.

April 9. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Newfoundland.
*Valier's memorial.**Tulon.**Lewen's memorial
fish, St. Peters.***Trade.***Inspector General
account.**Linen exported &c.*

Mr. Alexander Valier attending, presented to the Board a memorial, praying their lordships would please to make their report upon the petition and other papers before them, relating to the case of Olivier Tulon, which memorial was read; as likewise another from Mr. George Lewen against the said Tulon or any foreigners being permitted to fish, &c., at St. Peter's or other parts adjacent to Newfoundland; whereupon their lordships agreed to take that matter into consideration on Friday morning next.

Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of ye Customs attending, presented to their lordships the copy of an account, prepared by him for the House of Commons, shewing the produce of the 6*d.* per piece upon all British linnen exported from England between Christmas, 1715 and Christmas, 1716, as also what the duties ad valorem of Irish linnens exported, have produced, and what Hamburgh linnens have been re-exported for the same time which copy was read.

Barbadoes.
Plantations General.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Methuen.
Trade with French
Plantations, treaty of
neutrality
1686.
Circular letter to
Governors.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary Methuen, dated yesterday, signifying his Majesty's pleasure upon one from this Board, of the 6th February last, relating to the carrying on a trade between his Majesty's and the French Plantations, and concerning the treaty of neutrality in America, concluded between Great Britain and France in 1686, was read; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a circular letter to the Governors of his Majesty's Plantations, pursuant to his Majesty's commands therein.

April 10. Present:—Mr. Cokburne, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Antigua.
*Colonel Blakiston.
Act.**House-rent for
General Hamilton.
Leeward Islands.
Instructions.**Tryon and Nevin.*

Col. Blakiston, attending, their lordships had some discourse with him relating to the Act passed at Antigua the 2nd of March, 1715-16, (mentioned in the minutes of the 21st February last) for settling 1000*l.* per annum current money of that island, upon General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, during the continuance of his government; and that part of General Hamilton's instructions relating to his acceptance of house rent from the Assemblies there, was read; whereupon Col. Blakiston said, he was of opinion, that 1000*l.* current money of those islands, to be remitted hither in sugars, would not one year with another much exceed the sum of 400*l.* sterl. allowed him by the said instructions. And Mr. Rowland Tryon attending, on the same occasion, with Mr. Nevin, agent for Antigua, they represented to their lordships the substance of their memorial, read the 5th instant, relating to this Act, and further said they believed there had been no Act passed in any of the other Leeward Islands, for the like purpose, since Genl. Hamilton's arrival there, as Governor in chief, tho' they presumed, Assemblies have been held, in which case he is by his instructions, prohibited the passing any such Acts at all in the other islands. Their lordships then resolved to take the said Act into further consideration at another opportunity.

A letter from the Commissioners of the Navy, to the Secretary, of the 8th instant, in answer to that writ them the 7th of February last, for an account of the species, quantities and prices, &c., of naval stores bought for the use of the Royal Navy, from 1696 to 1716, was read, and the account referred to, in the said letter from the Navy Board, was laid before their lordships.

April 12. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Addison, Mr. Molesworth.

Their lordships took again into consideration the Act of Antigua, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, for settling 1000*l.* current money of that island, on General Hamilton, during his government, in lieu of house-rent ; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to one of his Majesty's Principal Secretary's of State, in order to the laying before his Majesty the opinion of this Board, relating to the said Act.

The memorials from Mr. Valier and Mr. Lewen, mentioned in the minutes of the 9th instant, were again read ; and the several papers relating to the petitions of Olivier Tulon and of Ambrose Weston and William Cleeves, relating to the said Tulon's fishing at St. Peter's, and irregularities committed at Newfoundland, which were formerly read, were now taken into further consideration. An attested copy of Col. Moody's declaration to the French inhabitants at St. Peter's near Newfoundland in July, 1714, with a list of French inhabitants at St. Peters, near Newfoundland, certified by Capt. Taverner, to have taken the oaths in 1714, and ever since enjoyed the liberty of fishing there, &c. received from Mr. Valier, were also laid before the Board ; and an extract of a letter from Mr. Bubb to the right honble. Mr. Secry. Methuen, dated at Madrid 1st February, N.S., 1717, relating to some fish taken at St. Peters near Newfoundland by Olivier Tulon, and stopped at Bilboa ; upon all which, directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation to his Majesty.

April 15. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Cokburne, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of a letter, ordered to be prepared the 12th instant, to one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, relating to an Act passed at Antigua, for settling 1000*l.* per annum current money of that island, on Genl. Hamilton, during his government, in lieu of house-rent, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

April 16. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope of the 12th instant, signifying his Majesty's pleasure upon the letter writ to Mr. Secretary Methuen the 19th of December last, relating to the disputes between the late Governors, Councils and Assemblies of Jamaica, and several points upon which Mr. Pitt, appointed Governor of that island, desires to be instructed, was read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing draughts of instructions accordingly.

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Trade.
Plantations General.
*Letter from
Commissioners of
the navy.
Species &c.
Naval stores.*

Antigua.
Act.

*Governor's house-rent.
Letter to Secretary
of State.*

Newfoundland.
Valier, Lewen.

Tulon.

Fishing, St. Peters.

Representation.

Antigua.
*Letter to Secretary
of State.
Act.
Governor's house-rent.*

Jamaica.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Disputes, Council
and Assembly.*

Instructions.

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Antigua.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Act.
Governor's house-rent.*

Newfoundland.

*Representation.
Weston and Cleeves.
Tulon,
St. Peters.*

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secry. Addison, ordered the 12th instant, to be prepared relating to the Act of Antigua, for settling 1000*l.* per annum current money of that island on Genl. Hamilton, during his government in lieu of house-rent, was agreed and signed.

The draught of a representation, ordered likewise the 12th instant, to be prepared, upon the complaint of Ambrose Weston and William Cleeves, relating to Olivier Tulon, a Frenchman's fishing at St. Peters near Newfoundland, as also upon the petition of the said Tulon, relating to his case, was read; and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

April 30. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth.

Leeward Islands.

*Letter from
General Hamilton.
Papers referred to.*

A letter from Genl. Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 1st of March, 17 $\frac{6}{7}$, was read, and the papers therein referred to as undermentioned, were laid before the Board, vizt.:—

Copy of Abijah Savage's deposition relating to pirates.

Copy of papers relating to the ships taken at Campechy.

Copy of a letter from the Masters taken at Triste, to Mr. John Campbell.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

Whereupon the draught of a letter for inclosing to Mr. Secretary Addison copies of that from Genl. Hamilton and of the said papers to be laid before his Majesty, was prepared and signed.

May 3. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

Miscellanies.

Incidentals.

The Secretary laid before the Board the accounts of the incidental charges of this office, from midsummer, 1716, to Lady Day, 1717, as follows, vizt.:—

	£	s.	d.
Account of petty expenses, from Midsummer to Michaelmas, 1716, amounting to	115	6	6
The like account from Michaelmas to Christmas, 1716, amounting to	80	13	7
The like acct. from Christmas, 1716, to Lady Day, 1717, amounting to	60	9	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
The stationer's account from Midsummer to Michaelmas, 1716, amounting to	29	0	3
The like account from Michaelmas to Christmas, 1716, amounting to	28	1	1
The like account from Christmas 1716, to Lady Day, 1717, amounting to	28	5	8
The postman's account from Midsummer to Michaelmas, 1716, amounting to	14	4	5
The like account from Michaelmas to Christmas, 1716, amounting to	35	16	6
The like account from Christmas, 1716, to Lady Day, 1717, amounting to	23	11	4

The whole amounting to £415 8 7 $\frac{3}{4}$

*Letter to the Treasury.
Salary.*

Whereupon a letter to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, desiring payment thereof, and of the salary due to this Board, was signed.

The draught of a representation, mentioned in the minutes of the 16th April last, upon the complaint of Ambrose Weston and Willm. Cleaves, relating to Olivier Tulon, a Frenchman's fishing at St. Peters near Newfoundland, as also upon the petition of the said Tulon, relating to his case, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Heysham attending, recommended to their lordships William Roberts, of Barbadoes, esqr. as a person fitly qualified to serve his Majesty in the Council of that island, in the room of Col. Alleyne, who, Mr. Heysham said, by advice from thence, was lately deceased; whereupon their lordships promised to take the same into consideration at the first opportunity.

May 6. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Mr. Burchett, Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated ye 24th of November, 1716, together with the answer of commadore Hagar to the heads of inquiry given him last year, relating to the Newfoundland trade and fishery, were read. Whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse, Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, to desire an account of what liquors, or other goods, were brought to Newfoundland from his Majesty's several Plantations in America, during the three last years, that any officer of the customs resided at that island.

Another letter from Mr. Burchett, dated the 15th of the last month, signifying that Capt. Passenger is to be commadore of this years convoy to Newfoundland, and is to set sail for that place the beginning of this month, was read; whereupon a draught of heads of enquiry and additional instructions, as usual, for the said commadore, were agreed and ordered to be sent to Mr. Burchett, with signification of this Board's desire that the same may be given by the Lords of the Admiralty to Captn. Passenger accordingly.

A letter from Sir John Colleton, dated the 22nd of April, signifying that his kinsman Mr. John Colleton, of Barbadoes, and he have finished all matters and controversies between them, and recommending the said Mr. Colleton to supply the present vacancy in his Majesty's Council of that island, was read.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison of ye 30th April, referring to the Board a representation of the inhabitants of South Carolina praying his Majesty's assistance with three or four hundred men for their speedy finishing the Indian war, was read; and their lordships resolved to take the same into consideration on Wednesday morning next.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon an Act passed in Jamaica in November, 1716, to prevent negroes being evidence against Dorothy the wife, and John, Thomas, and Francis, sons of John Williams, a free negro, was read; and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation to his Majesty thereupon.

A memorial from several Virginia merchants, relating to the Act passed there, for preventing frauds in tobacco payments, and the Act [*fos.* 98, 253] relating to the Indian Trade, was read.

1717.
Newfoundland.
Representation.

*Tulon,
St. Peters.*

Barbadoes.
*Mr. Heysham
recommending
a councillor.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter from
Mr. Burchett.
Heads of inquiry.*

*Letter to
Mr. Carkesse.
Account of liquors.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter from
Mr. Burchett.
Commodore.
Heads of enquiry.*

Barbadoes.
*Letter from
Sir John Colleton.*

*Mr. Colleton of
the Council.*

Carolina.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Inhabitants repre-
sentation for
assistance.*

Jamaica.
*Attorney General's
report.
Act
against negroes.
Representation.*

Virginia.
*Merchants memorial,
two acts.*

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*Their representation,
another act.**Letter to Mr. Perry.***Newfoundland.**
*Representation.**Tulon,
Fishing, St. Peters.*

A representation from several merchants trading to Virginia, against an Act passed there, relating to foreign debts, was likewise read ; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Micajah Perry, desiring to speak with him on Friday morning next, and the other gentlemen who have signed the said representation and meml.

The draught of a representation, ordered at the last meeting to be transcribed, upon the complaints of Ambrose Weston and William Cleeves, relating to Olivier Tulon, a Frenchman's fishing at St. Peters near Newfoundland, as also upon the petition of the said Tulon, relating to his case, was signed.

May 8. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

The draught of a representation, ordered at the last meeting to be prepared, upon an Act passed in Jamaica in November, 1716, entituled, an Act to prevent negroes being evidence against Dorothy the wife, and John, Thomas, and Francis, sons of John Williams, a free negro, was agreed and signed.

The case of the colony of South Carolina, in America, was read.

A letter from the lords proprietors [*fos.* 47] of Carolina, dated the 27th of July last, was read.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, referring to the Board a representation from the colony of South Carolina to his Majesty, praying assistance of men for finishing the Indian war, as mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant, was again taken into consideration ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them at ten of the clock on Friday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Charles Stanhope, Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, dated April the 20th, 1717, together with a representation from the Commissioners of the Revenue in Ireland [Trade Bundle O. 161. Ireland entry 294], upon what this Board writ to their lordships of the Treasury, the 27th of March last, relating to sugar [Trade entry L. 70] brought from France or the French Plantations to Ireland, were read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Attorney, and Mr. Solicitor General, with some queries on that subject [Trade entry L. 100].

A memorial from Mr. James Campbell, relating chiefly to the affairs of Col. Moody, Lieut. Governor of Placentia, and the garrison there, and particularly desiring the Board to move his Majesty for leave to Col. Moody to come to this kingdom, was read.

An Act passed at St. Christophers in Novbr., 1716, to enable William Matthew esqr. an infant under the age of 21 years, to convey a certain parcel of land, &c. being laid before the Board, ordered that it be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion in point of law.

May 10. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford, agents for Carolina, attending, as they had been desired, were acquainted with his Majesty's

Carolina.
*Agents.***Jamaica.**
*Representation.
Act against negroes.***Carolina.**
*Colony's case.
Letter from lords
proprietors.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison,
inhabitants repre-
sentation, assistance
hence.
Agents summoned.***Ireland.**
Trade.
*Letter from
Mr. C. Stanhope.
Representation from
Ireland.
Sugar from France.**Letter to Mr. Attorney
and Mr. Solicitor
General.***Newfoundland.**
*James Campbell's
memorial.
Colonel Moody.
Leave to come home.***St. Christophers.**
*Act.
William Matthew,
infant,
sent Attorney General.*

having been pleased to refer to this Board the representation inclosed in Mr. Secretary Addison's letter of ye 30th of the last month, relating to the present miserable state of South Carolina, and to a supply of men desired by that province, for reducing the Indians, with whom they are at war; and being asked whether the said representation was presented to his Majesty by them, and what they had to offer relating to that matter; they said, they had lately received, and presented to the Lord Carteret, a letter from the Governor and Council of the said province to the lords proprietors, dated the 26th of January last, upon the same subject, of which they produced a duplicate, which was read, and a copy taken thereof. That upon their application to the Lord Carteret, Palatine of the said province, and presenting him the printed case, his lordship had promised them to lay a state of the condition of the said province before his Majesty, and to desire the necessary supplies, which they believed his lordship had done by the fore-mentioned representation. These gentlemen being then asked what number of men from hence they thought necessary for subduing the Indians, and how long they proposed such men should continue in Carolina, they declared their opinion that not less than 600 men would be effectual, 200 whereof might be disbanded in 12 months, 200 in 18 months, and 200 in two years after their arrival in Carolina. Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford added, that the Lord Carteret had declared to them, he was willing to surrender his share in the proprietorship, if the not doing it were such an obstacle as to hinder the relief of the province.

Mr. Perry, junr., Mr. Hyde, and Mr. Byrd attending, in relation to the Acts passed in Virginia, upon which they and other merchants presented to the Board a memorial and representation, as mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant, their lordships had some discourse with them about the Act passed in 1663, concerning foreign debts, and resolved to take the same into further consideration the first opportunity. In relation to the Act entituled, an Act to prevent frauds in tobacco payments, &c., it being suggested in the memorial, that many objections against it were omitted; they were asked what they had further to alledge; whereupon Mr. Perry said, he believed that Act was not less then 300*l.* per annum out of his pocket in his particular trade, in loss of time, and payment of seamen's wages &c. in Virginia, for carrying the tobacco from the planter to the residence of the tobacco agents, the former refusing absolutely to do it: that they cannot now employ their factors as formerly to buy the different sorts of tobacco fit for the different markets to which they used to send it, being now obliged to take that sort the agent delivers, and tho' they have agreed with a planter for his crop, it is often changed at the agent's, and no man is sure of having the same, or as good tobacco as he bought, there being abundance of bad tobacco marked by the agents, and as bad as formerly, notwithstanding this Act, and the great load it lays upon the trade, of which ill sort of tobacco, Mr. Perry assured their lordships, he had received 300 hogsheads. Mr. Hyde and Mr. Perry being asked why they did not complain when others had formerly done it, concerning this Act, Mr. Perry answered, that at

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*III state of the
province.*

*Governor's letter to
lords proprietors.*

*Number of men to
be sent there.*

Virginia.

*Merchants memorial,
Acts.*

Foreign debts.

*Frauds in tobacco
payments.*

Mr. Perry.

Virginia.

Virginia.

Mr. Hyde.

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Mr. Byrd.

first he looked upon this as a good law, but that he has since reason to believe that if it were punctually executed (as it is not), the Customs here would be lessened near an eighth, and he thought the Act would at last sufficiently condemn itself. And Mr. Hyde said, that his trade being chiefly to Maryland, which since the passing this Act had a considerable advantage over Virginia, he had no particular reason to complain of it. Mr. Byrd alledged, that the generality of Virginia were against it, which is the reason they will not be at the trouble of carrying their tobacco to the agents. To which Mr. Hyde added, that that act being obtained by the Governor and his friends, the apprehensions of losing consignments might prevent complaints here.

*Indian trade act.**Mr. Perry.
Virginia.*

As to the last mentioned Act, and that relating to the Indian Trade [*fos.* 247, 254], Mr. Hyde said, they complained thereof as British merchants, not as planters, alledging further that the Act about the Indian Trade, is contrary to the Governor's instructions, and to several Acts of Parliament. Mr. Perry further said, that since the passing the said Act relating to the Indian Trade, the quantity of skins imported from Virginia is less than formerly and the price from 1*s.* 6*d.* to 3*s.* 6*d.* for which he had sold them, is now advanced to 7*s.* and 10*s.*, tho' this might indeed be partly occasioned by the Indian War. That the Indian Company in Virginia employ factors of their own, of whom Mr. Cary is one, and will not buy the goods of any other British merchant, whereby the latter is excluded the benefit of that trade, which Mr. Perry said, himself had enjoyed for thirty years. And these gentlemen concluded, that it would be of advantage, if no plantation-law, of so general a nature, were to take place, till a competent time after the same were passed there.

Acts.

Their lordships gave directions for sending the said Acts passed in Virginia, entitled,

An Act for preventing frauds in tobacco payments, and for the better improving the staple of tobacco.

An Act to continue an Act for preventing frauds in tobacco payments, and for the better improving the staple of tobacco, and for supplying and remedying certain defects and inconveniencies in the said Act, and

An Act for the better regulation of the Indian trade [*fos.* 253, 262],

*sent Attorney
General.*

to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law, as soon as may be.

May 13. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

*Carolina.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison,
representation from
that province.
Letter to lords
proprietors.*

Their lordships taking into further consideration the letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 30th of last month, upon a representation relating to assistance of men desired for Carolina, mentioned in the minutes of the 10th instant; ordered that ye draught of a letter be prepared to the lords proprietors of that province, desiring to know what they have done for the protection of that province, since the receipt of the arms and ammunition, his Majesty was graciously pleased to send thither; in what state

the province is at present ; and what their lordships propose to do for its further security ; as also that the draught of an answer be prepared to Mr. Secretary Addison's said letter.

A letter from Mr. Attorney General, dated the 10th instant, returning one writ him and Mr. Solicitor General by the Secretary the same day, with a query relating to the product of the French Plantations, being imported into Ireland on account of a mistake therein, was read ; and another letter ordered to be writ to him upon that subject.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 9th instant, signifying his Majesty's having appointed Mr. Chetwynd, of this Board, envoy extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the Court of Madrid ; and relating to instructions for him concerning the trade of his Majesty's subjects in the dominions of Spain, was read ; whereupon ordered that Sir Joseph Hodges, Sir William Chapman, Mr. Christopher Hayne, and Mr. Edward Rudge be acquainted that their lordships desire an opportunity of discoursing with them, and any other gentlemen they may think proper, on that subject at eleven of the clock on Friday morning next. Further ordered that Mr. Roe be acquainted therewith, and that the Board desire to speak with him at the same time.

May 15. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The draught of a letter, ordered at the last meeting to be prepared, to the lords proprietors of Carolina, relating to the state of that province, its protection and further security, was agreed and signed.

Mr. Coram, with several gentlemen and disbanded officers, &c. who desire to make a settlement in North America, attending, a memorial, with a copy of King Charles the Second's grant to the Duke of York, of the lands they sue for, and proposals from them upon that subject, were read ; after which they were called in, and presented to their lordships another memorial, signed by several French gentlemen, who are willing to engage in the undertaking, which was read ; whereupon they were asked what particular encouragement they expected, to which they answered, that they proposed to take up no more lands than each family could cultivate. That they hoped for seven years exemption from quit-rents, and arms and ammunition for 1200 men for their defence ; to be a separate government, with power to make laws among themselves, etc. the patentees to be of the Council ; and they referred themselves to his Majesty's gracious favour for what further encouragement he should think fit to bestow upon them. Upon the whole, the Board desired they would reduce into writing, and present to their lordships, as soon as they could, a particular account of every thing they proposed, his Majesty should grant, in relation to the land, their future government, and the assistance to be given them in any respect towards their first settlement, or improving their intended colony, which they promised to do accordingly.

Their lordships being acquainted, that Mr. Lechmere, his Majesty's late Solicitor General, had returned the Act passed in Bermuda the 14th of October, 1713, entituled, an Act to vest certain lands

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*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

**Trade.
Ireland.
France.**
*Letter from
Attorney General.
Query.
Letter to him.*

Trade.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Mr. I. Chetwynd,
envoy to Spain,
instructions.
Spanish merchants
summoned.*

Carolina.
*Letter to lords
proprietors.*

**Nova Scotia.
New England.**
*Mr. Coram and
others,
settlement.*

Memorial.

what they expect &c.

to bring in writing.

Bermuda.
*Act
returned by
Mr. Lechmere.*

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[Jennings]
sent to the present
Solicitor General.

Pennsylvania.
Plantations General.
Trade.
Mr. Gee.
Naval store company.
Hemp, Pennsylvania.

in Smith's tribe for payment of the debts of Richard Jennings, &c., without any report; ordered that a copy of the said Act be sent to Sir William Thomson, his Majesty's present Solicitor General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

Mr. Joshua Gee attending, presented to their lordships the copies of a letter and of an affidavit from Bristol, both dated the 6th instant, relating to the progress made by the naval store company of merchants, towards setting up the manufacture of hemp in Pennsylvania and the three lower counties on Delaware river; which were read.

May 16. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

An Order of Council, of the 6th July upon a representation of the 28th June, 1716, on the petition of Sir Edward Ernley, relating to Mr. John Colleton's being appointed of the Council of Barbadoes, was read.

Barbadoes.
Order of Council
representation.
Mr. Colleton,
Council.

Leeward Islands.
Barbadoes.
Letters to the
Governors.
Plantations General.
Circular letters.

The draughts of letters, ordered lately to be prepared to General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, and to Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, were agreed and signed.

The draughts of circular letters to the several governors of his Majesty's Plantations, which were ordered the 9th of last month to be prepared, pursuant to his Majesty's pleasure, signified by Mr. Secretary Methuen, relating to the carrying on a trade between his Majesty's and the French Plantations, and concerning the treaty of neutrality in America, concluded between Great Britain and France in 1686, were likewise agreed and signed.

Trade with French
Plantations.
Treaty of neutrality
1686.

May 17. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Burchett, of the 13th instant, signifying that the heads of inquiry, &c., transmitted to the admiralty, with the secretary's letter of the 9th are sent to the commadore appointed for Newfoundland; was read.

Newfoundland.
Letter from
Mr. Burchett,
heads of enquiry, &c.

Trade.
Letters from Mr.
Secretary Addison.

Two letters from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 30th of last month, one referring to this Board the translation of the king of Spain's patent for appointing Don Francisco Garcia consul at Gibraltar; the other referring to their lordships an extract of letters from Cadiz, upon affairs relating to trade, particularly a new book of rates intended to be settled there, and a judge conservator for the British merchants, were read.

Letters from Cadiz,
book of rates,
judge conservator.

Spanish merchants,
at the Board.

The merchants undermentioned, who are concerned in trade with Spain, vizt.: Mr. Hayne, Mr. Frankland, consul at Bilboa, Mr. Rudge, Mr. Hammond and Mr. Roe attending, as desired, they were acquainted, that his Majesty having appointed a minister to go soon from hence to Spain, it would be of service, if they had any grievances to redress, or any thing to offer, wherein his Majesty might interpose with the king of Spain for the advantage of his subjects of Great Britain in point of trade, that they present the same to the Board in writing, as soon as possible; and their lordships having some discourse with them concerning our trade in Spain,

Mr. Hayne said, as to the new intended tariff or book of rates at Cadiz that he understood, that woollen goods were to be rated high, and silks and linnen lower, on account of the latter being liable to be introduced more easily than the former, without paying custom. As to the judge conservator, he used to be chosen by the majority of the factory and that the distinction now made of British subjects naturalized in Spain, from those not naturalized, and refusing the former to rate in the choice of such conservator, was a novelty, and a point, he believed as yet undetermined by the civilians. With regard to the particular grievances we labour under at Alicant, the other merchants now present referred themselves to Mr. Hammond, who communicated to the Board the state of the case of his Majesty's subjects settled there, which was read; in relation to the king of Spain's appointing a consul at Gibraltar, these gentlemen said, they had no objection thereto.

A letter from Mr. Blanche dated the 16th of last month, about reviving aliens duties and relating to the woollen manufacture of this kingdom, was read.

May 20. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

The Marquis de Wignacourt, Mr. Longville and other French protestants attending with Mr. Coram, and several persons who petition for a settlement in North America, they presented to the Board a plan for making the said settlement, which was read; and their lordships resolved to take the same into consideration the first opportunity.

A letter from Mr. Cuming, the Custom House officer at Boston in New England, to Mr. Cokburne, dated the 2nd of March last, relating to goods imported there from foreign plantations; to the raising of money for the support of his Majesty's government on the continent, and to irregularities in the propriety-governments, having been communicated to the Board by Mr. Cokburne, was read, and directions given to the Secretary for writing to Mr. Cuming thereupon, and for preparing a clause in the next letter from the Board to Col. Shute, governor of the Massachusetts Bay, to desire exact accounts for three years past, of all imports and exports of foreign and other goods into and out of the provinces of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, distinguishing each year, as likewise from and to what places each commodity is brought and carried, and to transmit the like accounts annually, or oftener, for the future.

Their lordships being informed that Mr. Attorney General is indisposed, ordered that a letter be writ to him, to desire that in case he has not been able, or cannot now look over the three Acts of Virginia [*fos.* 254, 281], sent him the 10th instant, he would please to deliver them to be transmitted to Mr. Solicitor General, for his opinion thereupon; and that a like letter be writ to Mr. Solicitor General, as the said letter to Mr. Attorney, of the 10th.

May 22. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

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Mr. Hayne,
new tariff.

Judge conservator.

Grievances at
Alicant.

Consul at Gibraltar.

Letter from
Mr. Blanche,
aliens duties,
woollen manufacture.

Nova Scotia.
New England.
French protestants.
Coram,
settlement.

New England.
Letter from
Mr. Cuming.
Plantation goods.

Irregularities.

Letter for
Mr. Cuming.

Letter to
Colonel Shute.
Imports and exports.

Virginia.
Letter to Mr.
Attorney General.
Acts.

Letter to Mr.
Solicitor General.

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Massachusetts.

*Letter from
Colonel Shute.
Acts.
Letter to him.*

New England.

*Letter to
Mr. Cumming.*

Nova Scotia.

New England.
*Settlement,
Coram.*

Patentees.

*Letter to
Mr. Dummer.*

Settlement.

A letter from Col. Shute, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay, &c. dated the 27th of Febry. last, together with the six Acts passed in that province, in November foregoing, were laid before the Board, and the said letter read ; whereupon the draught of a letter to Col. Shute was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a letter from the Secretary to Mr. Cumming, the custom house officer at Boston in New England, directed at the last meeting to be prepared, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

An amended plan for a settlement proposed to be made in North America by Mr. Coram, the Marquis de Wignacourt and others, being presented to the Board, was read ; whereupon ordered that the Secretary inquire of Mr. Coram, whether the gentlemen who petition for the lands between Nova Scotia and New England, have yet agreed upon the persons to be the patentees proposed ; and desire Mr. Coram to let the Board have a list of their names as soon as possible.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Dummer, to know whether he has any thing to offer in behalf of the province of the Massachusetts Bay, for or against the forementioned settlement between Nova Scotia and New England ; and that he would let their lordships see what powers and instructions he has in that case.

May 23. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

Bermuda.
*Solicitor General's
report.
Act.
Jenning's debts.
Representation.*

Mr. Solicitor General's report upon an Act passed in Bermuda in October, 1713, entituled, an Act to vest certain lands in Smith's Tribe in trustees to be sold for payment of the debts of Richard Jennings, &c., was read ; and the draught of a representation to his Majesty in order to the confirmation of the said Act, was agreed and signed.

New England.

*Letter to
Colonel Shute.*

Nova Scotia.
*Letter from
Captain Williams,
to succeed Caulfield.*

The draught of a letter to Col. Shute, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay, etc. ordered yesterday to be transcribed, was signed.

A letter from Capt'n. Williams, dated at Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, 9th March 17¹⁶/₁₇, relating to the death of Major Caulfield, and desiring to succeed him as Lieutenant Governor of that place, was read.

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison,
memorial, Danish
envoy,
St. Thomas,
answer.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 11th instant, referring to this Board a meml. from the Danish envoy, relating to the island of St. Thomas and other islands adjacent to it, was read, together with the said memorial ; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of an answer thereto.

Carolina.
*Letter to
Mr. Shelton,
lords proprietors,
answer.*

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Shelton, Secretary to the lords proprietors of Carolina, to desire he will put them in mind of the letter from this Board, of the 15th instant, in order to its being answered as soon as possible.

May 24. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Shelton.

The Secretary acquainted the Board that Mr. Shelton, from the lords proprietors of Carolina, had been at the office, upon a

letter writ him yesterday, and said, that the Lord Carteret would wait upon this Board any morning next week on ye subject of their lordships letter of the 15th instant; whereupon directions were given for writing to Mr. Shelton, to inform Lord Carteret, that the Board would be glad of meeting his lordship here on Thursday morning next. Their lordships also gave directions for looking out in the meantime all the papers in this office, relating to the affairs of Carolina for a year past.

The marquis de Wignacourt, Mr. Coram, and several others attending, presented to the Board a list of persons proposed to his Majesty to be patentees in trust for settling his Majesty's land and islands between Nova Scotia and the province of Mayne in New England, which list was read; and being asked if all the persons therein named, had consented to be patentees in trust, they said, all of them had consented to it except Sir Joseph Hodges, whom they had not had an opportunity of seeing.

The marquis and others abovementioned desiring that the memorial they presented their lordships the 20th instant, might be returned, for that the amended plan which they presented to the Board the 22nd instant, was more full and correct, the said memorial was returned them accordingly.

Mr. Dummer, agent for the province of the Massachusetts Bay, attending, presented to the Board a petition against a grant of the land lying between Penobscot and Kennebeck rivers, and praying that if any grants should be made of lands in the eastern parts of New England, there may be a particular and express saving had of the tract of land between the rivers of Penobscot and Kennebeck to the proprietors; which petition was read.

Mr. Dummer at the same time communicated to their lordships his instructions as agent from the Governor, Council, and Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, relating to the grant and settlement desired by Mr. Coram and others dated at Boston the 3rd of December, 1716, on which his petition abovementioned is founded; whereupon directions were given for taking a copy of the said instructions. Mr. Dummer being withdrawn, ordered that the Secretary write to him, to desire he will lay before the Board on Monday morning next a list of ye purchases, as also to produce the confirmations or grants from the Council of Plimouth, mentioned in his said petition.

May 30. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 27th instant, referring to the Board a petn. from several merchants, &c., of Bristol, relating to piracies committed in the West Indies, particularly in the seas about Jamaica, was read, together with the said petition; whereupon ordered that Col. Long, Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Mr. Richard Harris, Mr. Humphrey Morice, Col. Carver, and Mr. Samuel Buck be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them, and any others those gentlemen shall think fitting at ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

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*letter to him.**Papers.*

**Nova Scotia.
New England.**
*Patentees,
settlement.*

*Former memorial,**returned.*

*Mr. Dummer,
petition*

for a saving.

Massachusetts.
Agents instructions.

*Letter to
Mr. Dummer.
purchases,
grants etc.*

**Plantations General.
Jamaica.**
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison,
piracies;
merchants summoned.*

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Massachusetts.
Mr. Dummer.
Mr. Turner.
Charter,
Attorney General.

New England
Nova Scotia.
Sir B. Lake's petition,
saving.

Coram.

Carolina.
Lord Carteret.

Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison,
patent,
Consul, Port Mahon.

New England.
Nova Scotia.
Letter from
Duchess of Hamilton,
Partridge,
reservations, etc.

Carolina.
Lord Carteret,
state of the province.

Mr. Dummer, agent for the province of the Massachusetts Bay, attending, with Mr. Turner, the former presented to the Board a petition from himself, praying that the said petition, together with the charter of the province, may be laid before Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion relating to the property and disposal of the lands between the rivers of Kennebeck and Penobscot, which was read.

Mr. Turner also presented to their lordships a memorial and petition from Sir Bibye Lake, praying that there may be a saving in any grants to be made, of lands near Kennebeck river, of the rights of the said Sir Bibye, which was read.

Mr. Dummer and Mr. Turner being withdrawn, ordered that their papers abovementioned be communicated to Mr. Coram, for what he may have to offer thereupon.

A message being brought from the Lord Carteret, that his lordship could not possibly wait on the Board this morning, in relation to the affairs of Carolina, but would do it tomorrow or Tuesday, ordered that his lordship be acquainted that the Board will be here tomorrow from ten to twelve a clock.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison of ye 27th instant, referring to the consideration of the Board a patent from the king of Spain, appointing a consul at Port Mahon, was read.

May 31. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from the Duchess of Hamilton, in behalf of her son the duke; as likewise a letter from Mr. Partridge, both relating to reservations which they desire may be made in any grant to be made of lands on the frontiers of New England, were read, and ordered to be communicated to Mr. Coram.

The lord Carteret, one of the lords proprietors of Carolina, coming to the Board, their lordships had some discourse with him relating to the present state of that province, and to the representation from the inhabitants of South Carolina referred to the Board by Mr. Secretary Addisons' letter of the 30th of the last month, mentioned in ye minutes of the 6th instant; his lordship, among other things, said, that the Assembly of South Carolina being dissolved, they had now no agent; but that the persons, who style themselves such, had desired him to present their paper to the king, which his lordship had done, when the same was drawn so as to be supported by the letters those gentlemen produced from thence; that his lordship had since private letters from Carolina, which bring advice of a peace being made with the Indians, which, his lordship observed, seems probable, since the Yamasees, the first authors of the war, were cut off; that there had never been a regular war with the said Indians in Carolina, but many settlements, which were made too scattered and remote from each other, had been destroyed at several times, tho' the whole colony was never in so apparent danger of being lost, as was suggested; that if the said province be supplied with the men they desired, the Assembly had never agreed how to dispose of or provide for them: that the lords proprietors would be glad to have more men sent thither in any manner, but that it could not be expected his Majesty, should

send and maintain them there : that the province may be run in debt, as alledged ; but that the lords proprietors have applied all their profits towards its support, and bought and sent 250 muskets, which they have heard, are actually arrived in Carolina. My lord, added, that he did not doubt but when Col. Johnson, the present Govr. arrives, he will find all things quiet in the said province ; and therefore his lordship desired the Board would suspend their report to his Majesty upon the forementioned reference, till fresh advices should arrive from thence.

In relation to the Bahama Islands, the lord Carteret was asked, what steps the lords proprietors had taken towards settling them, to which his lordship answered, that several proposals had been made for that purpose, but none yet offered that seemed practicable ; that for his own part, my lord said, he should be ready to relinquish to the crown the right of government as the proprietors of the Jerseys had done, reserving the quit-rents and profits of the lands.

Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Mr. Erle of Bristol, Mr. Humphrey Morice, Col. Long, Col. Lawes, Mr. Micajah Perry, Mr. Richard Harris, Mr. Carver, Col. Lynch, Col. Oldfield, Capt. Rogers, Mr. March, Mr. Buck, Mr. Gaudin, Mr. Jonathan Perry, Mr. Joseph Wyeth, Mr. Lamago, Mr. Abr. Dias Fernandes and Mr. Bravo attending, as desired, they were acquainted that the Board having under consideration a petition from Bristol, relating to ye pirates which infest the West Indies, particularly the seas about Jamaica, their lordships should be glad to know what the said gentlemen might have to propose for suppressing those pirates, and better securing the trade of his Majesty's subjects in America ; whereupon they all agreed, that the case was very desperate, since the said pirates were grown so strong and numerous, robbing in the northern parts of America, as well as about the islands, using great barbarities to some of the men they take, and forcing others to enter with them, (upon which subject Mr. Micajah Perry, and Mr. Wyeth produced extracts of letters) ; that there is immediate occasion of dispatching from hence two or three men of war of 26, 30 or 40 guns ; that it is almost impracticable to reduce them without mercy, as well as force ; and therefore they proposed that a pardon should be offered to all such pirates, as should come in and surrender themselves within a certain time to be limited ; Col. Lawes further said, he was of opinion that a fourth and two fifth rate men of war were necessary always to attend about Jamaica : that in time of peace, those seas were seldom without some pirates, and that to keep them in awe, two men of war had always been put upon that station : Mr. Erle and Mr. Gaudin particularly observed, that tho' the pirates abovementioned might be reduced for the present yet they would not be effectually prevented for the future, without the settlement of Providence at least, if not the rest of the Bahama Islands, which by their situation, are so much in the way of trade, and having shoal water near many of them, made the men of war of little service there. The said gentlemen being withdrawn, a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, in answer to his of the 27th instant, upon the forementioned petition from Bristol, was agreed and signed.

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*Suspend report,
till next advices.*

Bahama's.
*Lord Carteret,
settling.*

Plantations General.
Jamaica.
Merchants.

Pirates.

Colonel Lawes.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

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**Nova Scotia.
New England.
Settlement,**

persons summoned.

*Sir B. Lake.
Mr. Dummer.*

Conveyances, etc.

Trade.
Hammond's memorial

*British Consuls,
Alicant.*

Mr. Franklyn.

June 3. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Molesworth.

Several of the persons, who solicit for a settlement in North America, attending, and desiring that General Nicholson, John Anderson esqr. and Mr. Davis, his Majesty's mast-maker at Woolwich, may be summoned to appear at the Board ; ordered that the persons last mentioned be acquainted with their lordships desire of speaking with them on Thursday morning next.

Sir Bibye Lake attending, with Mr. Dummer and Mr. Turner, on occasion of Sir Bibye's memorial and petition, mentioned in the minutes of the 30th of last month, relating to some lands claimed by him near Kennebeck river between New England and Nova Scotia, they produced the copies of some conveyances of the said lands from the Indians ; but it being observed to them, that it would be necessary to produce what deeds or writings Sir Bibye has to shew the title, which 'tis suggested he has to those lands under the crown ; he promised to attend their lordships again in a few days, and bring his other writings relating thereto.

Their lordships taking into consideration again, the memorial [Entry L 109, Bund. O 167] delivered to them by Mr. Hammond the 17th of last month, in relation to our trade to Spain ; ordered that he be desired to let the Board have what he may have to add thereto in writing on Wednesday next ; and to inform them whether he knows of any obstructions from the court of Spain, to the establishing British Consuls at Alicant, or elsewhere, and particularly whether the king of Spain has refused or altered the powers in the patents of the said Consuls.

Further ordered, that Mr. Franklyn be desired to give the like account in writing at the same time, in relation to consuls in Spain.

June 5. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue.

Miscellanies.
*Mr. Byrd,
Mr. Hodskin.*

Mr. Chetwynd desiring the Board to admit of Mr. William Byrd to officiate for Mr. William Hodskin, a clerk in this office, whom he proposed to take with him to Spain, and that the said Byrd might supply the first vacancy of a clerk's place in the office ; their lordships were pleased to consent thereto.

Trade.
*Mr. Frankland
memorial,
British Consuls.
Bilboa.*

*Mr. Hammond.
Alicant.*

Mr. Frankland and Mr. Hammond attending, as desired, the former presented to the Board a memorial relating to the establishing British Consuls in Spain, which was read ; and he added in discourse, that the not passing his patent for Consul at Bilboa, &c. was attributed to the opposition made by the Biscayneers at the Court of Spain against it. Mr. Hammond said, he had advice of Consul Herne's patent being passed for Alicant, but that some alterations were made therein from the former. These gentlemen were again desired to hasten what they might have further to offer in writing, concerning any grievances the British merchant lie under in Spain ; which they promised accordingly. And the said gentlemen being withdrawn, their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, in answer to what he has lately writ to the Board, concerning the appointing of British Consuls in the ports of Spain, as aforesaid.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

June 6. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth.

General Nicholson, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Davis attending, as desired the 3rd instant, together with Mr. Coram and several others, who petition for a settlement in North America, as likewise Col. Taylor, late Lieut. Governor of the Massachusetts Bay ; Mr. Coram presented to their lordships a memorial in answer to those of Mr. Dummer and Sir Bibye Lake, and the letters from the duchess of Hamilton and Mr. Partridge, relating to the lands between Nova Scotia and the province of Maine in New England, which was read ; and Mr. Coram referring himself to General Nicholson and the other gentlemen abovementioned, relating to the retaking and conquest of the said land from the French, and the title which the Crown of Great Britain has to it ; General Nicholson said, he had conquered the said land from the French for her late Majesty ; that no place had more controverted titles than the land now in dispute, to clear which the Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay had lately examined into them ; as to the unfair clandestine practices, which Mr. Coram said, were used in obtaining purchases from the Indians by debauching and making them drunk, Col. Taylor said, there had been a general treatment with the Indians by Col. Dudley late Governor of the Massachusetts Bay, and to prevent such ill practices for the future, the government of that province allow of no grants, without registering there. Upon the whole, General Nicholson and the other gentlemen present were desired to bring what they had to offer concerning the said lands, to their lordships in writing, as soon as they could.

The said gentlemen being withdrawn, ordered that copies of the letter from the duchess of Hamilton, the two memorials from Mr. Dummer, the memorial from Sir Bibye Lake, the letter from Mr. Partridge, all abovementioned, as also of the said memorial now presented by Mr. Coram, together with the printed charter of the Massachusetts Bay, be sent to Mr. Solicitor General, for his opinion, upon perusal thereof, whether his Majesty may properly grant the said lands petitioned for by Mr. Coram, and several disbanded officers, soldiers and others.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, Secretary to the Commissrs. of the Customs, of the 4th instant, in answer to that writ him the 7th of May, relating to the trade between Newfoundland and his Majesty's other Plantations, was read ; and the following papers therewith received, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Account of goods exported to Newfoundland from the other Plantations, from Midsummer, 1713, to Midsummer, 1714.

Account of goods imported to Newfoundland from the other Plantations, in the years, 1714, and 1715.

Goods exported to Newfoundland from the other Plantations, from Midsummer, 1714, to Midsummer, 1715.

Account of goods exported to Newfoundland from the other Plantations, from Midsummer, 1715, to Midsummer, 1716.

The draught of a letter, directed yesterday to be prepared, to Mr. Secretary Addison, relating to the appointment of British Consuls in the ports of Spain, was agreed and signed.

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**Nova Scotia.
New England.**
*General Nicholson
and others
settlement.
Coram's memorial.*

**Nova Scotia.
New England.**
General Nicholson.

Colonel Taylor.

Papers,

with

*letter to Mr.
Solicitor General.*

**Newfoundland.
Plantations General.**
*Letter from Mr.
Carkesse, trade with
plantations.*

Papers referred to.

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*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison,
British Consuls,
Spain.*

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New York.
Letter from
Mr. Mulford,
whale fishery.

Carolina.
Letter from lords
proprietors.
Indian war.
Agents summoned.

Trade.
Letter to
Mr. Martyn,
logwood.
Virginia.
Letter from
Solicitor General.
Governor's
instructions.

Answer to Mr.
Solicitor.

June 17. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Mr. Samuel Mulford, upon the subject of his petition, referred to this Board by Order of Council, dated the 14th March, 17¹⁴/₁₅, relating to hardships put upon him and others in the whale fishery at New York, was read, together with the said order and petition; and Mr. Mulford attending, was asked how he proved the allegations of his said petition, whereupon he answered, that had he thought it necessary, he could have brought sufficient proof from New York; that it was publicly known Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New York, &c. had sent to seize the whales taken, unless the persons who took them, would pay one twentieth part; however, he promised to bring such proofs as he had here, which the Board desired he would do, as soon as he could.

A letter from the lords proprietors of Carolina, of the 4th instant, in answer to one writ them the 15th of May, 1717, relating to the state of that province, with regard to the Indian war, &c. was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them at ten of the clock on Wednesday morning next.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of the Customs, to desire an account, as soon as conveniently may be, of the logwood imported into this kingdom for the last six years.

A letter from Mr. Solicitor General, of the 15th instant, to the Secretary, desiring to see the Governor of Virginia's instructions, relating to his power of calling Assemblies, and making laws relating to trade, before Mr. Solicitor General reports upon the Acts before him, relating to the staple of tobacco, and the Indian Trade [*fo.* 262, 283], was read; whereupon ordered that copies of the clauses of the Earl of Orkney's Commission relating thereto, and the 16th, 100th and 101st articles of his lordships instructions. be accordingly sent him.

June 19. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

Carolina.
Mr. Beresford.

Indian war.

Mr. Beresford attending, as he had been desired, the letter from the lords proprietors of Carolina, dated the 4th mentioned in the minutes of the 17th instant, relating to the state of that province, with regard to the Indian war, &c. was communicated to him; whereupon he said, that the last letters he had from Carolina, were of ye 23rd March last, which take notice of some Indians coming to make peace with that government, who sent a person to treat with them, but that the Indian messengers left the said person in the woods, from whence it is supposed the negotiation broke off; that there is a gentleman here in town, who left Carolina in April, and can give their lordships an account of these affairs; whereupon Mr. Beresford was desired to bring him to the Board, and the copies or extracts of the latest letters that give any account of the present state of Carolina, which he promised accordingly.

Jamaica.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Peter Diharce,
Spanish belandra.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 15th instant, referring to the Board the petition of Don Bernardo de Guardia, and Peter Diharce, concerning a Spanish belandra taken into Jamaica, and condemned there as prize, was read, together with the said petition.

An Act passed at Antigua the 29th of March, 1717, entitled, an Act to enable Giles Watkins and Samuel Watkins to alien, grant or devise a Plantation situate, lying and being, in the parish of St. Johns, &c. being laid before the Board; ordered that the same be sent to Mr. Solicitor General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

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Antigua.

*Watkins's act.*Mr. Solicitor
General.

June 21. Present :—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminique.

A letter from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Govr. of Virginia, to the Secretary of this Board, dated the 16th of April, 1717, relating to the Act for regulation of the Indian Trade [*fos.* 281, 284] in that colony, was read, and the answer of the Council therein referred to, on the same subject.

Mr. Solicitor General's report on three Acts passed in Virginia in 1713, and 1714, relating to the staple of tobacco, and about regulating the Indian Trade [*fos.* 283, 288], was also read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation to his Majesty thereupon.

Mr. Micajah Perry and Mr. Hyde, attending, and desiring their lordships representation upon the forementioned Acts might be dispatched, so that the signification of his Majesty's pleasure thereupon might be transmitted by the man of war ordered for Virginia; they were acquainted it should be done with all convenient speed; and upon discourse with them relating to the effect of the said Act relating to the Indian Trade, Mr. Hyde said, that last winter he sent about two hundred pounds worth of goods to a factor, on the Maryland side of Potomack river, from whom he had an account of a great number of Indians being come down thither, so that he had hopes to sell the said goods to advantage; that by the Virginia Indian Company having that trade to themselves in Virginia, their stock was risen 50 per cent.

Mr. Kennedy, lately arrived from Virginia, attending, presented to the Board a memorial relating to the assistance given by Virginia to South Carolina in their war with the Indians, and praying to be relieved, as to what he has suffered on that account, out of the quit-rents in Virginia; which memorial being read, he was acquainted, that it would be proper for him to apply first by petition to his Majesty.

An account of logwood, fustick, indico and other materials for dying, which were sent to France, between Christmas, 1712, and Christmas, 1714; as also,

An account of logwood imported to and exported from this kingdom, between Christmas, 1710 and Christmas, 1716, being received from Mr. Martyn, the Inspector General of the Customs office, the same were laid before the Board.

Ordered that Mr. Richard Harris be acquainted that their lordships desire he will let them have in writing on Wednesday morning next, what he may have further to offer to what he transmitted to this office in December, 1714, relating to the West India Trade, particularly the cutting of logwood.

Virginia.

*Letter from
Colonel Spotswood,
Indian trade act.*

Virginia.

*Mr. Solicitor
General's report,
3 acts.
Representation.**Messrs. Perry and
Hyde thereupon.**Mr. Kennedy,
memorial,
Indian war.*

Trade.

*Logwood.*Trade.
Plantations General.
*Letter to Mr. Harris.**logwood, etc.*

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Virginia.
Carolina.
Letter from
Colonel Spotswood.
Forces.
Mr. Kennedy.

Letter to lords
proprietors.

Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Minister at Madrid.
Afueros.
Merchants summoned.

June 22. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke.

A letter from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Govr. of Virginia, to the Board, dated the 30th April last, relating to the unjust proceedings of the government of South Carolina, with regard to the forces sent them from Virginia to their assistance against the Indians, and relating also to Mr. Kennedy's services, who was sent to Carolina, and to the Spanish Governor of St. Augustin, was read ; and the copy of a letter from the Spanish Governor, referred to by Col. Spotswood, was laid before the Board ; whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared, wherewith to transmit to the lords proprietors of Carolina, a copy of so much of Col. Spotswood's said letter as relates to that province.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of ye 20th instant, referring to the Board the extract of a letter from his Majesty's minister at Madrid, with a valuation of English goods in Spain, in order to the settlement of a New Afueros, was read ; whereupon ordered that Sir Joseph Hodges, Sir William Chapman, Mr. Christopher Hayne, and Mr. Edward Rudge, be acquainted that their lordships desire to speak with them (and any other gentlemen they may think fit to bring with them), at ten of the clock on Thursday morning next.

June 26. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth.

Virginia.
Messrs. Perry and
Byrd.
Acts.

Mr. Micajah Perry, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Hyde attending, and desiring the dispatch of their lordship's report upon the Virginia Acts, relating to the staple of tobacco, and the Indian Trade, the following queries were put to them by the Board, vizt.:—

In relation to the Act for preventing frauds in tobacco payments, &c.

Queries.

It being reasonable to prevent the receiving of trash tobacco in payment abroad, or the transporting of it to England ; what remedy could they propose against it, upon the repeal of the said Act ?

In relation to the Act for the better regulation of the Indian Trade [*fos.* 284, 293] ;

Whether upon the repeal of that Act, it may not be proper, that the Governor propose to the Assembly such regulations in the Indian Trade, as shall be thought necessary, but not to be in force, till his Majesty's pleasure be known : and

Which way can they propose to reimburse the expence which the company may have been at, for the benefit of the publick ?

Answers.

Upon the first query, they said, the present law had not brought the planters to make better tobacco than formerly, which Mr. Perry said, he could shew by what had been sent to him : and Mr. Byrd represented to their lordships, that if an Act formerly passed in Virginia, relating to the quality of tobacco to be paid by the sheriffs in that colony for publick debts, were duly put in execution, it would answer the seeming intent of the present Act.

In answer to the second query, these gentn. said, they thought it very reasonable,

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And as to the third, they said, the company had been but at little charge, but what immediately related to their trade, for which, by the great profits they made, it was concluded, the said company were amply recompensed. But as to their charge for the publick service, these gentlemen concurred in opinion that it would be proper, that an inquiry into that matter be recommended to the Assembly of Virginia, and to consider of the reimbursement of the company by a sum to be paid them at once, and not by any imposition on the Indian Trade.

Mr. Richard Harris attending, as desired, he acquainted the Board, that he had nothing further to add to what he laid before their lordships, relating to the logwood trade, &c. in 1714; but that one Peartree, who was born at Campechy, and lived not many years since at New York, might probably give their lordships some satisfactory account thereof.

Mr. Boon and Mr. Beresford also attending, communicated to the Board the extracts of several letters from Carolina, relating to the state of that province, with regard to the Indian war, &c.

Trade.
Mr. Harris.

Logwood.

Carolina.
Boon and Beresford,
extracts of letters,
Indian war.

June 27. Present:—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Mr. Haynes, Mr. Rudge, and Mr. Pitts attending, as desired, their lordships communicated to them the copy of an account of the present and new valuations of English goods in Spain for settling a new tariff there, which was referred to the Board by Mr. Secretary Addison's letter of the 20th mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd instant; whereupon these gentlemen said, they could not well make a judgment thereof, the account being so short, and seemingly calculated for Cadiz only, besides several other particulars unexplained; that they had reason to think these new valuations were made by persons more dependent on Spain than Great Britain, Mr. Charles Russell and Mr. White being papists naturalized in Spain. That the number of Irish papists so naturalized, who trade and reside at Cadiz, is about thirteen to nine English who are protestants, the former being looked upon in Spain as subjects of that crown. And Mr. Pitts said, he had advice that the latter had chosen Mr. Francis Trowbridge as one for making the said valuations, but that he was not permitted to act. The said gentlemen added that the Spaniards lowering or advancing their duties on goods, was not of so much importance to Great Britain, as that the British subjects should be upon as good a foot at least as the nation most favoured, or the natives of Spain, according to our treaties. For if the duties on our goods should be lessened, and the duties on French goods or those of any other nation made lower than the proportion we pay, it would soon turn the trade from us to those who should enjoy such favour.

Trade.
Spanish merchants,

new tariff.

Col. Lawes, with Mr. William Cokburne attending, presented to the Board a letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, signifying that his Majesty had appointed the said Col. Lawes, Governor of Jamaica, and requiring the Board to cause a commission and instructions to be prepared as usual; the said letter was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a commission accordingly.

Jamaica.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Colonel Lawes,
Governor.

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**Carolina.
Virginia.***Letter to lords
proprietors.
Assistance from
Virginia.*

The draught of a letter to the lords proprietors of Carolina, for inclosing to them an extract of Col. Spotswood's letter of the 30th of April last, relating to the unjust proceedings of the government of that province, on account of the assistance sent them from Virginia against the Indians, was agreed and signed.

Virginia.*Indian company's
memorial against
the act.**Representation,
Acts.*

June 28. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A memorial from the Virginia Indian Company, in answer to the petition and other papers against the Act passed in that colony, for the better regulation of the Indian Trade, was read.

The draught of a representation directed the 21st instant, to be prepared upon the Acts passed in Virginia in 1713, and 1714, relating to the prevention of frauds in tobacco payments, and better improving the staple of tobacco, as also to the better regulation of the Indian Trade, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Trade.*Spain.**New book of rates.**Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

Their lordships taking again into consideration the account of the valuations of English goods in Spain, in order to the making a new book of rates there, as mentioned in yesterday's minutes, directions were given for preparing an answer to Mr. Secretary Addison's letter of the 20th instant, upon that subject.

Virginia.*Representation.
Acts.*

June 29. Present:—Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A representation upon the Acts passed in Virginia in 1713, and 1714, relating to the preventing of frauds in tobacco payments and better improving the staple of tobacco, as also to the better regulation of the Indian trade [*fos.* 288, 324] was signed.

Trade.*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.**Spain.**New book of rates.*

The draught of a letter, directed yesterday to be prepared in answer to that from Mr. Secretary Addison of the 20th instant, relating to the valuations of English goods in Spain, in order to the making a new book of rates there, was agreed and signed.

Jamaica.*Instructions for trade
sent Mr. Carkesse.*

July 3. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

Ordered that the draught of instructions for the Governor of Jamaica, relating to the Acts of trade and navigation, be sent to Mr. Carkesse for such additions or alterations as the Commissrs. of his Majesty's Customs may think convenient to make therein.

St. Christophers.
*Attorney General's
report.**Matthew's acts.*

Mr. Attorney General's report upon an Act passed at St. Christophers in November, 1716, entitled, An Act to enable William Matthew Esqr. an infant, under the age of twenty one years, to convey a certain parcel of land in the Island of St. Christophers, called Brimstone Hill, &c. was read; and the draught of a representation to his Majesty, agreed and signed, in order to the confirmation of the said Act.

*Representation.***New York.****New Jersey.***Letters from
Brigadier Hunter.
Minutes of Council.**Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

Two letters from Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New York and New Jersey, to the secretary, the one dated the 3rd of May, 1717, (transmitting the minutes of Council of New Jersey, from 27th November, 1716, to the 26th of January following) the other the 13th May, 1717, were read; whereupon a letter for inclosing to Mr. Secretary Addison, a copy of paragraph B of Brigadier Hunter's

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last mentioned letter, relating to some ill practices made use of to keep up divisions and foment disorders in New Jersey, was signed.

The draught of a commission for Col. Lawes to be Governor of Jamaica, being laid before the Board, and agreed; a letter for transmitting the same to Mr. Secretary Addison, in order to be laid before his Majesty in Council, was signed.

A letter from the Lord Marquis of Winchester, of the 26th of last month, desiring a copy of the late Earl of Carberry's resignation of certain lands in Jamaica, was read; whereupon a letter to the Lords of the Treasury desiring to know if their lordships have any objection thereto, was signed.

Jamaica.
Commission.
Colonel Lawes.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Letter from Marquis
of Winchester.
Earl of Carberry's
resignation.
Letter to Lords of
Treasury.

July 5. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated at Antigua, the 15th of May last, was read; and the following papers therein referred to were laid before the Board, vizt.:—

Leeward Islands.
Letter from
General Hamilton.

Copy of a letter from General Hamilton Governor of the Leeward Islands to Monsr. la Varenne, General of the French Islands, relating to Mr. Roe and Looby seized with their vessels at Martinico, for calling there, to water; as also a copy of Monsr. la Varenne's answer.

Papers referred to.

Copy of a letter from General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, to Monsr. Ricouart, Intendant of the French Islands, relating to Mr. Roe and Looby seized with their Vessels at Martinico, for calling there, to water. As also, a copy of Monsr. Ricouart's answer.

Whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared to Mr. Secretary Addison, upon what General Hamilton writes in his said letter, relating to an intended settlement by the French upon the Island of Sta. Lucia, and to the seizure of a New England ship at Martinico. And further ordered that a letter be prepared to Mr. Burchett, for transmitting to him an extract of that part of the said letter from General Hamilton which relates to his Majesty's ships of war attending the Leeward Islands, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.

St. Lucia.
Letter to
Mr. Burchett.

Ships of war.

A report from Capt. Musson, relating to the present state of the Bahama Islands was read.

Bahama's.
Report from Captain
Musson.

July 8. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth.

Mr. Solicitor General's report upon an Act passed at Antigua, the 29th of March, 1717, to enable Giles Watkins and Saml. Watkins to alien, grant or devise a plantation, &c. was read, and a representation signed, in order to his Majesty's Royal approbation thereof.

Antigua.
Solicitor General's
report.
Watkins's act.
Representation.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon three other Acts passed at Antigua in March, 1715, entituled,

Antigua.
Attorney General's
report.
3 acts.

An Act for establishing a court of King's Bench, Common Pleas and Errors, and for the better regulating and settling due methods for the administration of justice, and limiting

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a time for the issuing executions out of the Court of Chancery in this island.

An Act for constituting a Court of Chancery in this island.

An Act to indemnify Anthony Brown and John Elliott of the aforesaid Island Gentlemen, from a certain bond and articles of agreement by them entered into with George Pulleyn, carpenter, for the building a church in the parish of St. Philips in the said island, and to charge the said parish with the same.

was read ; and some difficulties arising upon reading the said Act relating to a Court of Chancery ; ordered that Mr. Nivine, Agent for ye Island of Antigua, be desired to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next.

*Mr. Nivine
summoned.*

**Leeward Islands.
Barbadoes.**

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
St. Lucia, &c.*

*Letter to
Mr. Burchett.*

The draught of a letter, ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Secretary Addison for inclosing to him an extract of General Hamilton's letter mentioned in the last minutes, was agreed and signed.

A letter to Mr. Burchett as ordered at the same time, for transmitting to the Admiralty another extract of General Hamilton's said letter, relating to the ships of war attending the Leeward Islands, was agreed.

July 10. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Jacob Astley, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A representation from several merchants, traders to Virginia, complaining of Mr. Daniel McCartey, collector of South Potomack, being concerned himself in trade, contrary to law, and to the prejudice of other merchants, was read ; whereupon ordered that the same be transmitted to Mr. Carkesse, to be laid before the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, for such directions as may be fit to be given therein.

Virginia.
*Representation
against
D. McCartey
collector.
sent Mr. Carkesse.*

Their lordships took into consideration the draught of instructions to be given by his Majesty to Sir Nicholas Lawes, for the government of Jamaica, and made a progress therein.

Jamaica.
*Instructions.
Sir N. Lawes.*

Ordered that Sir Nicholas Lawes be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him at ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

July 11. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth.

A letter from Mr. Burchett, Secretary to the lords of the Admiralty, dated yesterday, in answer to the letter writ him the 8th instant, upon what General Hamilton writes relating to the man of war attending the Leeward Islands, and to the Governor's wearing a flag when on board, was read.

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from
Mr. Burchett.
Man of war.
Governor—Flag.*

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of yesterday's date, referring to the Board, by order of the Lords of the Treasury, the petition of Mr. Kennedy, relating to his disbursements and services in going from Virginia to Carolina, on account of the insurrection of Indians there, &c. was read, together with the said petition.

**Virginia.
Carolina.**
*Letter from
Mr. Lowndes.
Kennedy's petition.
Carolina war.*

Sir Nicholas Lawes attending, as desired, their lordships communicated to him the draught of his instructions for the Government of Jamaica, as likewise the letter from this Board to the Ld. Archi-

Jamaica.
*Sir N. Lawes.
Instructions.*

bald Hamilton of the 25th of April, 1715, and two acts passed in that Island in the year 1716, both relating to the encouragement of white men to go and settle there; upon all which their lordships desired what he might have to offer, in writing.

Mr. Rowland Tryon and Mr. Eyles, attending, produced several letters from Barbadoes, relating to the death of Brigadr. Thomas Alleyne, late of his Majesty's Council there, particularly from his son Mr. Abel Alleyne; whereupon these gentlemen desiring their lordships would present Mr. John Colleton to his Majesty, for supplying this vacancy, pursuant to the Order in Council, of the 28th June, 1716, (mentioned in the minutes of ye 16th of May last) they were acquainted that their lordships expected advice of Mr. Alleyne's death from the Governor, which if they did not receive in a short time, they would report in favour of the said Mr. Colleton.

July 12. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Jacob Astley, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Methuen, of the 15th November last, referring to the consideration of this Board, the translation of a letter from the Spanish Ambassador, relating to the British subjects settling and cutting logwood at Campechy was read, together with the said translation; and their lordships made a progress in considering the draught of a representation to his Majesty thereupon.

July 19. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A new Commission from his Majesty under the Great Seal, dated the 13th instant, was opened, and read; whereby (besides the Great Officers of State, &c. as in the last Commission, and the (Chancellor of the Exchequer for the time being) the Right Honourable the Earl of Suffolk and Bindon, John Chetwynd, Esqr., Sir Charles Cooke, knight, Paul Docminique, John Molesworth, Thomas Pelham, Daniel Pulteney and Martin Bladen, Esqrs. are appointed Commissioners for promoting the trade of this kingdom, and for inspecting and improving his Majesty's plantations in America, and elsewhere.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 12th instant, requiring the Board to remind the respective Governors of his Majesty's plantations, of their instructions about transmitting accounts of his Majesty's revenue there, from time to time, and desiring at present to know how the revenue of quit-rents in Virginia stands, as to any appropriation thereof, and whether it be absolutely in the disposal of the Crown, was read, as also a state of the said quit-rents by Mr. Byrd, late Receiver-General of Virginia and Mr. Micajah Perry; and the said state being compared with the said Receiver-General's account of quit-rents, from the 25th of April, 1714, to the 25th of April, 1715 (Virginia, Bun. P. No. 89) transmitted with the letter from Col. Spotswood Lieutenant-Governor of that colony of the 24th May, 1716; ordered that Mr. Byrd and Mr. Perry be acquainted that the Board desire to speak

1717.

Two acts.

White men.

Barbadoes.

Messrs. Tryon and Eyles.

Brigadier Alleyne dead.

Mr. John Colleton recommended to be of the Council.

Jamaica.

Trade.

Plantations General.

Letter from Mr. Secretary Methuen. Logwood, Campechy; Representation.

Miscellanies.

New commission.

Thomas Pelham, Daniel Pulteney, Martin Bladen, Esqrs.

Plantations General. Virginia.

Letter from Mr. Secretary Addison. Governors. Account of revenue. Quit-rents.

Mr. Byrd's account.

Messrs. Byrd and Perry summoned.

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*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Circular letters.
Maryland.
Letter from
Lord Guilford.
Illegal trade.
French settlements.*

Jamaica.
*Order of Council.
Long's petition.
Act.
Kingston.*

Trade.
Plantations General.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Monteleon's
memorial.
Canary Islands.*

Virginia.
*Messrs. Byrd and
Perry.
Quit-rents.*

*Letter to Governor.
Land taken up.*

Jamaica.
*Order of Council.
Long's petition.
Act.
Kingston.
Old representation.
Order of Council.*

Col. Long.

*Sir N. Lawes.
Mr. Bernard
summoned.*

with them at ten of the clock on Monday morning next. In the mean time, some directions were given for preparing an answer to Mr. Secretary Addison's said letter, and circular letters to his Majesty's several Governors in America, pursuant thereto.

A letter from the Lord Guilford, Guardian to the Lord Baltemore, proprietor, &c. of Maryland, dated the 17th, in answer to that writ his lordship the 10th instant, relating to illegal trade between his Majesty's plantations and the French settlements in America, was read.

An Order of Council, of the 15th instant, referring to the Board a petition from Col. Long relating to an Act passed in Jamaica, entituled, an Act for the more effectual relief of the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Kingston was read; and their lordships resolved to take the same into consideration on Monday next.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison of ye 15th instant, referring to the Board the copy of a memorial from the Marquis de Monteleon, Ambassador of Spain, relating to the trade between the Canary Islands and his Majesty's Dominions, was read; and a progress made in considering the copy of the said memorial.

July 22. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doerninque, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Byrd and Mr. Perry attending as desired, they explained their state of the quit-rents of Virginia, mentioned in the minutes of the 19th instant, acquainting the Board, that the 360*l.* for the salaries of the Lord Bishop of London's Commissary, the Attorney General and Solicitor of the Virginia affairs in this kingdom, is annually deducted out of the 1400*l.*, to which sum they computed the nett produce of the said quit-rents might amount one year with another. They added, that the proprietors of lands in Virginia were obliged by their patents to pay two shillings per hundred acres, or 24 lb. of tobacco at one penny per pound as a quit-rent, that the same was paid in money, or at the election of the patentee.

Ordered that in the next letter to Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, he be desired to send an account of the quantity of land now taken up in that colony.

Their lordships took again into consideration the Order of Council of the 15th mentioned in the minutes of the 19th instant, with the petition of Col. Long, relating to an Act passed in Jamaica, entituled, an Act for the more effectual relief of the freeholders and inhabitants of Kingston, and the representation of this Board, dated the 16th of July, 1714, as also the copy of his Majesty's Order in Council, of the 22nd November last, upon a report of the Lords in the Committee for Appeals, upon the same subject, were read; whereupon Col. Long attending, was acquainted, that the Board would be glad to speak with him and any other persons concerned for and against the said Act, on Thursday next.

Ordered that Sir Nicholas Lawes and Mr. Bernard be desired to attend the Board at the same time.

A reference from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 19th instant, upon the petition of Captain Woodes Rogers, and other papers, relating to the settlement of the Bahama Islands, was read, together with the said papers; and their lordships resolved to proceed in the further consideration thereof tomorrow morning.

The draught of a letter in answer to one from Mr. Secretary Addison, relating to the accounts of his Majesty's revenue in the plantations, and particularly the quit-rents of Virginia, was signed.

July 23. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Doeminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Kennedy, attending, his account of charges in going, to Carolina, &c. to solicit the affairs of Virginia, relating to ye assistance given to Carolina against the Indians, was read (the said account being sworn to by Mr. Kennedy, before Sir Richard Holford, a Master in Chancery, the 15th instant) whereupon ordered that a copy be taken of the said account and that a letter be writ to Mr. Lowndes, for inclosing to him the said original account, and a copy of Col. Spotswood's letter to this Board, of the 30th of April (mentioned in the minutes of ye 22nd June) last, in order to be laid before the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury.

Ordered that in the draught of a circular letter, directed the 19th instant to be prepared, to his Majesty's several Governors in America, relating to his Majesty's revenue of quit-rents, a clause be prepared, directing them to transmit an account of the lands taken up in their respective Governments, as well as of the quit-rents reserved in the patents or paid by the patentees.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 15th instant, relating to a proclamation to be issued concerning the pirates in the West Indies, was read: and the secretary acquainting the Board that Mr. Attorney General had sent to know what directions the Board had to give him upon that subject, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Attorney, to let him know that if he will send ye Board the draught of the proclamation, when he has prepared it, their lordships will then give him what assistance they can.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, of the 17th instant, by order of the Lords of the Treasury, for copies of several papers, relating to the late French part of St. Christophers, and the opinion of this Board about disposing thereof, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Daniel Smith, Lieut. Governor of Nevis, Mr. Rowland Tryon, Mr. Nivine and Mr. Stephen Duport, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them on Friday morning next, with any other gentlemen they think capable of giving their lordships information, relating to the said late French part of St. Christophers.

Two letters from Mr. Mulford, of ye 17th and 23rd instant, about his complaints relating to the whale fishery at New York, &c. being read; ordered that he be desired to bring in writing, as soon as he can, what proofs he has to support his allegations concerning that matter.

July 25. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

1717.

Bahama's.
*Reference from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Captain Rogers'
petition.
Settlement.*

Plantations General.
Virginia.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Revenue accounts.
Quit-rents.*

Virginia.
Carolina.
*Mr. Kennedy.
Account of charges.*

*Letter to
Mr. Lowndes.*

Plantations General.
*Circular letter.
Quit-rents.
Lands taken up.*

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Proclamation.
Pirates.*

*Letter to Mr.
Attorney General.*

St. Christophers.
*Letter from
Mr. Lowndes.
Late French part.
Persons summoned.*

New York.
*Letters from
Mr. Mulford,
Complaints
whale fishery.
Proofs.*

1717.
Jamaica.
*Colonel Long and
 Mr. Bernard.
 Kingston act.
 Order of Council.
 Petition.*

Col. Long and Mr. Samuel Bernard attending, as desired, in relation to the Act passed at Jamaica in February, 171³₁₄, entitled, an Act for the more effectual relief of the freeholders and inhabitants of Kingston, the said Act was read, as likewise the Order of Council of the 15th instant, and petition of Col. Long, mentioned in the minutes of the 19th, praying the said Act may be repealed; and Mr. Bernard being asked what he knew of any proceedings in Jamaica, pursuant to his Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd Novbr., 1714, concerning this Act; he said, he had not heard from the gentlemen concerned thereupon, which he attributed to the misunderstandings between the late Governor and the Assemblies of Jamaica, and Mr. Bernard desiring a copy of the first mentioned Order of Council, and of Col. Long's petition therein referred to, directions were given that he have copies thereof accordingly; these gentlemen being asked, if they desired to be heard by their council, relating to the subject of Col. Long's said petition, Mr. Bernard desired, he might, but Col. Long declined concerning himself any further in this matter, more than to move for their lordships speedy report thereupon.

Hearing appointed.

Col. Long and Mr. Bernard being withdrawn, their lordships appointed Monday the 12th of August next, at ten of the clock in the morning, for hearing what the said Col. Long and Mr. Bernard have to offer by their respective council, relating to the said Act, if they think fit; and ordered that they be acquainted therewith accordingly.

**Virginia.
 Carolina.**
*Letter to
 Mr. Lowndes.
 Kennedy's account.
 Disbursements.
 Indian war.*

The letter, ordered at the last meeting to be writ to Mr. Lowndes, for laying before the Lords of the Treasury Mr. Kennedy's account, and a copy of a letter from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, relating to the said Kennedy's disbursements and services about the assistance given by Virginia to Carolina, against the invasion of the Indians, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

Bahama's
*Representation.
 Petition,
 Captain Rogers.*

The draught of a representation upon the petition and proposals of Captain Woodes Rogers, referred to this Board, as mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

St. Christophers.
*Colonel Smith
 and others.*

*Acres
 late French part.*

Mr. Fenton.

*13,000 acres
 manurable.*

July 26. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Col. Daniel Smith, Lieutenant Govr. of Nevis, Mr. Rowland Tryon, Mr. Nivine, Mr. Stephen Duport, Mr. Fenton, Capt. Brissac, Major Buer and Mr. Mills, attending, as desired, they were asked what number of acres the late French part of the Island of St. Christophers might contain, whether manurable and to be improved, or otherwise, and what might be the present value thereof; whereupon Mr. Fenton, to whom the other gentleman referred their lordships, as being lately arrived from those parts, said, that the survey thereof was not yet finished, but that Mr. Revell, the surveyor, told him some months ago, that he thought, the said late French part might not contain above thirteen thousand acres of manurable lands, besides the land about the Salt-Ponds, tho' the said lands had formerly been computed at 15 or 16,000 acres; but Mr. Fenton

said, he had since heard from the persons to whom Mr. Revell had declared it, upon a further progress in the survey, that there would not be found above 11,000 acres, those lands which have been granted to several of the French Protestants included; that the Salt-Ponds were about three miles round, the grounds hilly about them, fit only for cattle and small stock: that when the French were in possession of it, the said land about the Salt-Ponds maintained 100 men, able to bear arms, besides double that number of women and children; that about a fourth part of the late French lands in the said island were unprofitable, including the hills about the Salt-Ponds; that the greatest part of the whole were at present possessed by persons having grants during pleasure, or temporary, and were cultivated by several poor people, that came down from Nevis and Montserrat, who took small parcels under larger grants. In relation to the value, Mr. Fenton said, the manurable lands might in his judgment be worth 10*l.* sterling per acre, one with another; Major Buer said, he knew of none sold in the English part of St. Christophers for more than 7*l.*, but he owned, as was objected to him, that that was when the French were possessed of one half of ye island, which was a reason why the English land was not worth more at that time; however, he affirmed, that some land had been sold at the rate of 5*l.* sterling per acre, even since the French protestants had had their grants from his Majesty. Mr. Nivine said, that some of the best part of the land in the English part of the Islands, had been sold for 5*l.* sterling per acre, some at 3*l.*, some at 40 shillings, and that, till of late, he never heard of above 5*l.* sterling per acre. Mr. Fenton being asked whether he thought such persons, as should purchase the manurable lands in St. Christophers at 10*l.* per acre, would contribute to the rebuilding or erecting such fortifications as may be necessary; he said, no; and in relation to the remaining lands which are barren and unimprovable, he said, such purchasers might expect and very well deserve to have them given into the bargain. Mr. Mills thereupon acquainted their lordships, that he had reason to believe, two thirds of the present inhabitants upon the late French part of St. Christophers, would be obliged to leave the island, if the said land was not to be sold under 10*l.* sterling an acre, tho' they now employed 3000 or 3500 negroes upon it, and Mr. Duport added, that at that rate there would not be 50 of the present inhabitants upon the said lands able to purchase. Mr. Fenton and other gentlemen further said, that the neighbouring Island of St. Martin had drained Saint Christophers of many inhabitants, the latter not having more than 1200 men and many of them leaving it, whereas that island required 1600 or 2000 to defend it: that there was sugar made at St. Martin's and sent thence to the Dutch and other foreigners, to the prejudice of the trade of Great Britain; that most of the people at present settled at St. Martins, would return upon having six or seven acres of land per head given them at St. Christophers near the sea-side, which method would very much strengthen the island, and probably draw people both from the French and Dutch, besides our own men at Anguilla, and 200 lying ready at Spanish Town, expecting the disposal of the late French lands: that it would be of advantage to the publick, to have

1717.

11,000.

*Salt-Ponds.**Great part
granted out.*

Mr. Fenton.
Manurable
*10*l.* sterling per*
acre.
Major Buer
*7*l.**

*5*l.**
Mr. Nivine.

*5*l.*, 3*l.*, 2*l.* per*
acre.

*Mr. Mills.**They will leave the
island.*

Mr. Duport
few purchasers.

St. Martin.

Sugar made there.
Prejudicial to
Great Britain.

Anguilla.

1717.

*Mr. Mills.**Mr. Nivine.**Mr. Fenton.
French powerful
at Martinique.**Charge of
Government.**Money levied.**Poll upon negroes.**Fortifications.**Mr. Mills.**Inhabitants
preference in
purchasing**Proposals in writing.**Bahamas.
Representation.
Captain Rogers.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Barbadoes.
Act.**George Nicholas.**sent
Attorney General.**Barbadoes.
Attorney General's
report.
Nicholas's act.
Representation.*

each patentee for any of the said lands, obliged to keep a white man for each 40 or 50 acres thereby granted, which if they were obliged to do, besides repairing or raising of fortifications; Mr. Mills observed that purchasers must expect better bargains than at the price Mr. Fenton first mentioned, to which Mr. Fenton agreed: Mr. Nivine further declared his opinion, that if any inhabitants of the other three principal Leeward Islands, vizt. Antigua, Nevis and Montserrat, were admitted to be purchasers of his Majesty's lands at St. Christophers, it might be of dangerous consequence to the said three islands, Montserrat especially being already very much impoverished; upon which Mr. Fenton took notice of the strength of the French at Martinique, and said, there were 5 or 6000 men in arms, when they lately rose against their Governor, and sent him away.

Their lordships inquiring of these gentlemen what the charge of the Government of St. Christophers may be, one year with another, and what money is usually levied for that purpose; they said, it was very uncertain, there being raised from 5 to 14 shillings, the island money per poll upon negroes; and Mr. Fenton said, the tax this year was 12 shillings per poll, and the number of negroes about 7000, the produce of which tax was intended towards repair of the fortifications in the English part.

The gentlemen abovementioned then withdrew, and Mr. Mills returning, acquainted the Board, that he being concerned for more of the merchants and inhabitants of St. Christophers than any other person here, was desirous the said inhabitants, &c. might have the preference in purchasing his Majesty's lands there; that after 2 or 3000 acres were given to the poor, he was willing to engage for purchasing the remainder, and give as much for the lands as any other, and enter into security for payment of what should be agreed on for the purchase; whereupon their lordships desiring him to make his proposals in writing, he promised to prepare and bring them on this day sevensnight.

The draught of a representation upon the petition and proposals of Capt. Woodes Rogers, relating, to the Bahama Islands, agreed at the last meeting, was signed, as likewise a letter for transmitting the same to Mr. Secretary Addison.

An Act passed in Barbadoes, the 18th of December, 1716, entitled, An Act to dock the intail limited on a certain plantation situate in the parishes of St. Peter's and St. Andrew's, in this island, and to enable George Nicholas Esqr. and Susannah his wife, to mortgage or sell the same, with the negroes thereto belonging, being laid before the Board; ordered that the said Act be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

July 31. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon an Act passed in Barbadoes, the 18th December, 1716, to dock the intail of an estate belonging to George Nicholas Esqr. mentioned in the last minutes, was read; and the draught of a representation to his Majesty thereupon, signed.

Don Bernardo de Guardia and Mr. Diharce attending, with Mr. Cobb their solicitor, Mr. Secretary Addison's letter upon their petition, and other annexed papers, as mentioned in the minutes of the 19th of the last month, relating to a Spanish Belandra brought into Jamaica, and condemned there, was read, together with the said petition and papers, as also some of the minutes of the Council of Jamaica, and a representation from the said de Guardia and Diharce upon the same subject; to which Mr. Diharce added in discourse, that Capt. Fernando, of the sloop Bennett, sent some of his men with the prize he had taken, into Jamaica, with a small part of her lading, which were condemned, the said Fernando having first taken the richest goods out of her, and landed some of them in a creek of Jamaica, as reported; but that they have no certain account where those goods were made away with; that one Mr. Bendysh, now in this kingdom, was concerned for the owners of the sloop Bennett, and can give their lordships some light into this matter.

Ordered that when Mr. Bendysh comes to town, he be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him.

The secretary acquainting the Board, that the Lord Archibald Hamilton desired an opportunity of being heard before their lordships, if anything in this application reflected on him. Ordered that his lordship be acquainted that the Board will be ready to speak with him, if his Lordship thinks fit, on Friday come seven-night.

August 2. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Micajah Perry, Mr. Stephen Dupont and Mr. Nivine attending, their lordships had some discourse with them, concerning the disposal of the late French lands in the Island of St. Christophers, wherein these gentlemen said, that it seemed very reasonable, and they hoped it might be so, that the persons at present possessed of those lands, might have the præ-emption, or be considered at least for their improvements, if they should be turned out; that the survey of the said lands being not yet transmitted to this kingdom, or probably not finished, there were but very uncertain informations yet here, as to the exact quantity of the whole, or of the true bounds of any of the plantations there; and therefore Mr. Nivine particularly declared his opinion, that it might be necessary to authorize some person or persons to receive upon the island, such proposals as should be made there upon this subject; that the selling the said lands in gross to one person, or a body of men, he apprehended, would be of very ill consequence, such purchasers being like to prefer their particular private interest before the best methods for peopling and securing the island. As to the value of the lands Mr. Perry informed their lordships, that some of the French Protestants, to whom his Majesty had granted certain plantations, which formerly had belonged to them, had sold some for 5*l.* and others for 6*l.* sterling per acre; and Mr. Perry promised to bring some proposals he had to make in behalf of some present possessors of lands there.

1717.

Jamaica.
de Guardia and
Diharce.

Spanish Belandra &c.

Mr. Bendysh.

summoned.

*Lord Archibald
Hamilton to be heard.*

St. Christophers.
*Messrs. Perry, Dupont
and another.
late French lands.*

*Possessors.
præ-emption.*

Survey not sent.

quantity uncertain.

Mr. Nivine.

*Proposals from ye
Island.*

Mr. Perry.

*5*l.* or 6*l.* sterling
per acre.*

Proposals.

1717.

*Letter to Lords of
ye Treasury.
Disposal.*

*Mr. Mills.
Advertisements
Courant.
Lands
St. Christophers.
Proposals.*

Debentures.

*Virginia.
Letter from
Colonel Spotswood.
English ship
seized by Spaniards.
Affidavits.
Pirates.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

*St. Christophers.
Mr. Bolton.
Memorial.
Late French lands.*

*Colonel Codrington,
and others would
purchase.
Also others at
Barbadoes.*

Proposals.

*St. Christophers.
Letter to Lords of
Treasury,
late French lands,
preliminary
conditions,
disposal.
Plantations General.
Letter from
Attorney General.
Proclamation,
Pirates, &c.*

In the mean time, directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the method and condition of disposing of the said lands.

Mr. Mills attending, acquainted the Board, that upon the advertisements in yesterday's and to-day's Courant, by the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the lands in St. Christophers abovementioned, he desired to consider further of the proposals he had to make within the time therein limited. He then producing to their lordships his powers of attorney in behalf of two of the sufferers by the French invasion of Nevis and St. Christophers ; the debentures numbered 562 and 602, were delivered to him.

August 6. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, dated the 31st May last, together with a representation from himself and the Council of that colony, relating to the seizure of an English ship, and several of his Majesty's subjects being made prisoners by the Spaniards, were read ; as also the copy of an information, and of two affidavits, relating to the pirates in the West Indies ; whereupon copies were ordered to be made of Col. Spotswood's said letter, and of the forementioned papers therewith received ; and a letter for transmitting the same to Mr. Secretary Addison was signed.

Mr. Daniel Bolton attending, presented to their lordships a memorial relating to the lands in the late French part of St. Christophers, which was read ; and Mr. Bolton being thereupon asked several questions he said, that he had never been upon that island, but had his information from persons well acquainted with the place, that several surveys had been made of the said lands, which surveys he had seen, but that most of them were imperfect ; and their lordships desiring him to procure them one of the said surveys, he promised to endeavour it : as to the measure of the acres at St. Christophers and in this kingdom he said, he supposed them to be the same ; that he had formerly made a proposal for Col. Codrington and some others, of giving 60,000*l.* for the said lands ; that there are persons at Barbadoes, who would give the rate mentioned in his memorial, and some gentlemen likewise in London, that would give 10*l.* an acre for some parts ; whereupon he was further desired to bring what proposals he had to offer.

August 7. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The draught of a letter to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the lands in the late French part of St. Christophers, together with some preliminary conditions, thought proper to be insisted upon in the disposal thereof, were agreed and the said draught of a letter signed.

A letter from Mr. Attorney General, of the 1st instant, together with the draught of a proclamation for suppressing of pirates, were read ; and the same being compared with the draught of one for the like purpose, which was laid before his late Majesty King

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William, with the representation of the Board of Trade, dated the 4th of March 170^o, a progress was made in the consideration thereof.

August 8. Present :— Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their lordships went through the consideration of Mr. Attorney General's draught of a proclamation for suppressing pirates, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, and agreed the draught of a letter to him from the secretary thereupon.

The draught of a representation to his Majesty, upon the memorial of the Danish Envoy, relating to Crabb Island, and other islands adjacent to that of St. Thomas, referred to the Board by Mr. Secretary Addison's letter of the 11th and mentioned in the minutes of the 23rd May, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed; and a letter directed to be prepared for transmitting the same to Mr. Secretary Addison.

A letter from Col. Spotswood Lieut. Governor of Virginia, dated the 30th May last, relating to the deficiency of the revenue for support of the government of that colony, was read; and the accounts undermentioned, therein referred to, were laid before the Board.

An account of his Majesty's quit-rents, from the 25th April, 1716, to 25th April, 1717.

An account of his Majesty's revenue of 2s. per hogshead, from the 26th October, 1716, to the 25th April, 1717.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison upon that subject.

An Order of Council, of the 31st of the last month [*fo.* 293], upon a representation of this Board dated ye 29th June, for repealing three Acts passed in Virginia, relating to the staple of tobacco and the Indian trade; and requiring instructions to be prepared to the several Governors in his Majesty's plantations, about their passing Acts which may affect the trade or shipping of this kingdom, was read; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draughts of such instructions accordingly.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, Secretary to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, dated the 20th July last, together with an extract of one from the surveyor of Liverpool, relating to the badness of tobacco imported from Virginia, were read; and directions given for taking notice thereof in the next letter to Col. Spotswood.

Ordered that Mr. Carkesse be desired to move the Commissioners of the Customs, for directions to the proper officer, that this Board may have an account of the Canary wines imported annually into this kingdom, from the year 1676.

August 9. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Joseph Pemberton attending, and his powers of attorney from Mary Johnson, one of the sufferers by the French invasion at Nevis, being examined at the Board, the debenture numbered 229, was delivered to him.

Plantations General.
*Proclamation,
Pirates.*

Leeward Islands.
*Representation,
Crabb Island.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

Virginia.
*Letter from
Colonel Spotswood.
Deficiency-
Revenue.*

Quit-rents.

2s. per hogshead.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

*Order of Council.
Repealing acts.*

*Instructions to
Governors.*

Passing acts.

Draughts.

*Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.*

Bad tobacco imported.

Trade.
*Mr. Carkesse.
Canary wines
imported.*

Nevis.
*Mr. Pemberton.
Debenture.*

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Jamaica.*Lord A. Hamilton.*

*Petition.
de Guardia and
Diharce.
Spanish sloop
condemned.*

*Lord Archibald's
memorial.
Money advanced
subsisting forces.*

Representation.

*Letter from Mr.
William Cokburne.
Complaint.*

Copy.

*Order of Council.
Colonel Long.*

Kingston act.

*Another
discharging
his petition.*

Nova Scotia.*Petition.*

*Sir Alexander
Cairnes and others.
Tract of land.
Mr. Secretary
Addison's reference.*

Jamaica.*Petition.*

*de Guardia and
Diharce
Spanish ship.
Mr. Secretary
Addison's reference.*

Leeward Islands.*Representation.**Danish envoys
memorial.*

*Crabb Island.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

Trade.*Letter to Mr. Lowndes.*

The Lord Archibald Hamilton, late Governor of Jamaica, attending, acquainted the Board, that he understood there were some reflections made upon his lordship in the petition or papers relating to it, from Don Bernardo de Guardia and Mr. Diharce, now before their lordships, relating to a Spanish ship condemned at Jamaica; whereupon, he said he did not doubt to make appear, if their lordships pleased to give him an opportunity, that he had done even more than his duty in favour of the Spaniards in that affair. His Lordship then desired, the Board would consider his memorial as soon as conveniently they could, in relation to the money formerly advanced by him and the Council of Jamaica for subsisting his Majesty's forces there, which their lordships promised accordingly. Whereupon, the Lord Archibald Hamilton being withdrawn, his said memorial was read, with Mr. Secry. Addison's reference thereof, dated the 17th of last month, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation to his Majesty upon that subject.

A letter from Mr. William Cokburne dated the 30th of last month, desiring a copy of the complaint which he is informed, Col. Heywood has made against him, relating to the discharge of his duty, when he officiated as Secretary of Jamaica, was read; and Mr. Cokburne attending was acquainted, that when Col. Heywood's letters are considered, he may have a copy of such part as shall appear to be any charge upon him.

The copy of an Order of Council, of the 31st July, 1717, upon the petition of Col. Long, for repealing an Act passed at Jamaica in February, 1713, entituled, An Act for the more effectual relief of the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Kingston, was read.

An Order of Council, of the 31st July, 1717, discharging this Board from proceeding on Col. Long's petition, relating to the said Act, was read.

A petition from Sir Alexander Cairnes, Baronet, James Douglas and Joshua Gee merchants, in behalf of themselves and others praying for a tract of land in Nova Scotia, was read; as also Mr. Secretary Addison's reference upon the said petition, dated the 2nd instant; and their lordships resolved to take the same into consideration at the first opportunity.

A petition from Don Bernardo de Guardia and Peter Diharce in behalf of the Spanish master and owners of the ship Nostra Signora de Bethlem, and of her lading, &c. was read, with Mr. Secry. Addison's reference of the 2nd instant thereupon; as also an annexed estimate of the prime cost of the said ship and cargo, and the damages sustained by the owners by reason of her seizure; and their lordships resolved to consider the same, with the former petition, and other papers upon the same subject.

A representation upon the memorial of the Danish Envoy, relating to Crab Island, and other islands in America, adjacent to that of St. Thomas, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed, together with a letter for inclosing the same to Mr. Secretary Addison.

The secretary being directed to prepare a letter to Mr. Lowndes, desiring him to represent to the Lords of the Treasury the necessity

of this Board's having annually copies of the Inspector General of the Customs leidges; and to move for their lordships directions to the Commissioners of the Customs therein; the draught of a letter for that purpose, was laid before the Board, agreed and ordered to be sent.

August 14. Present:—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Don Bernardo de Guardia and Mr. Diharce attending, with Mr. Cobb their solicitor, they presented to the Board a memorial relating to some mistakes in the accounts of plate and goods taken on board the ship *Nostra Signora de Bethlem*, condemned at Jamaica, as mentioned in their petition, &c. concerning that matter; which memorial was read; and their lordships proposing to the said gentlemen to come to the Board this day sev'night in the morning, or so soon as they could be ready to explain and make out the said accounts, they agreed to attend for that purpose this day sev'night.

A letter from Sir Alexander Cairnes to the secretary, dated the 13th instant, relating to the tract of land in Nova Scotia, for which he petitions with Mr. James Douglas and Mr. Joshua Gee, merchants, was read; whereupon ordered that the said Mr. Douglas and Mr. Gee be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them upon that subject tomorrow sev'night at ten of the clock in the morning.

Mr. Mulford attending, and desiring their lordships to appoint a day for hearing him in relation to his petition about the whale-fishery at New York, mentioned in ye minutes of the 17th June last; ordered that he be acquainted their lordships will be ready to hear him thereupon tomorrow morning.

August 15. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter from Mr. Bampffield, in behalf of Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New York, &c. dated this day, desiring that copies of Mr. Mulford's complaints against ye Brigadier, may be transmitted to him, for his answer, or that their lordships determination upon that matter be respited till he come over from New York, according to his Majesty's licence, was read.

The Order of Council, of ye 14th March, 1714–15, mentioned in the minutes of the 17th June last [*fo.* 280], together with the petition of Mr. Mulford relating to the whale-fishery at New York, were read; as likewise his case, the proceedings of the Supreme Court at New York in 1713, relating to the said fishery, [Bundle Aa. 136] with Mr. Attorney General Northey's opinion thereupon, and several letters from Brigadier Hunter, on the same subject; and the said Mr. Mulford attending, as desired, together with Col. Lodwick, Mr. Knight, Mr. Richard Mico and Mr. Blew, they were asked several questions concerning the whale-fishery on the coasts of the said province; whereupon they said, that the ordinance made in Col. Nicholls's time for paying a share of drift-whales, was only by the Governor and Council; that they have no copy of that ordinance, but believe, it still remains among the records of the province of New York; and Col. Lodwick acquainted their

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*Inspector General's
leidges.*

Jamaica.

*de Guardia and
Diharce,
Memorial
Errors in accounts.*

Nova Scotia.

*Letter from Sir
Alexander Cairnes,
tract of land.
Messrs. Douglas and
Gee
summoned.*

New York.

Whale-fishery.

New York.

*Letter from
Mr. Bampffield,
Mulford's complaints.*

Order of Council.

*Mulford's petition
Whale-fishery.
Proceedings.*

*Sir Edward Northey's
opinion.*

Mulford and others.

Drift-whales.

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a royalty

*to Duke of
Leominster.
Deputation to
Colonel Lodwick.*

*Mr. Knight.**Mr. Mulford.**Lord Cornbury.**Whale-fishing.*

*Whales
duty free ;
Drift-whales
in ye Crown.*

*Colonel Lodwick.**Whale fishery.*

*Virginia.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison,
quit-rents,
2s. per hogshead.*

*New York.
Bampffield,
Mulford,
whale-fishery.*

lordships, that drift-whales were judged a royalty at New York, his late Majesty King William having granted the same to the Duke of Leominster, and the Duke having given him, the said Col. Lodwick, a deputation for claiming and taking all such drift-whales there ; that indeed whilst he remained at New York, it happened that he claimed but one such whale, and relinquished it, upon finding an iron with a fisherman's mark, who had wounded that fish ; those killed or taken at sea being esteemed the property of ye persons who kill or take them, and no duty demanded for them, as he remembers, before the Lord Cornbury's time. Mr. Knight, who had been Secretary of New York, during Col. Dungan's Government, acquainted the Board, that drift-whales in that province were accounted to belong to the king, but that he remembered no duty to have been demanded for whales taken at sea, whereof there were some taken yearly while he was in those parts. Mr. Mulford further added, that Brigadier Hunter demands a twentieth part of the whale-bone and oil, clear of all charge, tho' he alledged there was no law in the plantations to warrant it ; that it was true, several people paid what the Lord Cornbury demanded on that account, but out of fear. Mr. Mulford being then asked why he left New York, and if he was not under prosecution there, upon some other matters ; he said he came from thence to endeavour the re-establishing the whale-fishery upon the same foot it had anciently been, and to obtain relief against a prosecution which he was under on account, as he alledged, of a speech which he had made in the assembly of New York, and which was afterwards printed and for not appearing to a subpoena on occasion of some arrears of quit-rents, which he offered to pay ; that the proceedings of the supreme Court above mentioned were equally against him with other persons, which he looked upon to be very unjust. These gentlemen being asked upon what terms they desired to have the said fishery settled ; they all agreed that they should be satisfied, if the whales taken or killed at sea were duty free, and that as to drift-whales they had nothing to say against their being in the Crown : but Mr. Mulford further added that it would be an advantage to the said fishery, if proprietors of beaches were obliged by a law to permit the whale-fishers to erect barracks on such beaches for cutting up and boiling the whales, paying reasonable damages for the use thereof.

Col. Lodwick was then desired, if he or the other gentlemen had any further to offer for the advantage of this fishery, it might be done in writing, which they promised to consider of accordingly.

The draught of a letter, ordered to be prepared the 8th instant, to Mr. Secretary Addison, relating to the quit-rents of Virginia, and the duty of two shillings per hogshead on tobacco there, was agreed and signed.

August 16. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Upon further consideration of the letter from Mr. Bampffield, and of the papers from Mr. Mulford, relating to the whale fishery at New York, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, ordered that the

secretary transmit to Brigadr. Hunter, Governor of that province, copies of such of the said papers as are a charge against him, and that he desire the said Governor's answer and observations thereupon, as soon as may be.

The copy of an Order of Council, of ye 31st July, upon a representation of this Board dated the 5th of April, 1717, for confirming an Act passed in Jamaica to prevent negroes being evidence against Dorothy the wife, and John, Thomas and Francis, sons of John Williams, a free negro, was read.

The copy of an Order of Council, of the 31st July, upon a representation of this Board, of the 23rd May, 1717, for confirming an Act passed in Bermuda, to vest certain lands in Smith's tribe, to be sold for payment of the debts of Richard Jenings, &c. was read.

The copy of an Order of Council, of ye 31st upon a representation of this Board, of the 8th July, 1717, for confirming an Act passed at Antigua, to enable Giles Watkins and Samuel Watkins to alien a plantation, &c. was read.

The copy of an Order of Council, of the 31st upon a representation of this Board, of the 3rd July, 1717, for confirming an Act passed at St. Christophers, to enable William Mathew, an infant, to convey a parcel of land, &c. was read.

A letter from Mr. Burchett, Secretary to the Lords of the Admiralty, of the 8th July, 1717, together with the copy of one from Captain Candler, giving an account of the Virgin Islands, was read.

An Order of Council, of the 6th Decbr., upon the representation of this Board, dated the 22nd of November last, relating to money due to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, late Governor of Jamaica for subsisting the forces there, and an account of his lordships salary, was read.

A representation on the memorial of the Lord Archibald Hamilton, upon the same subject, mentioned in the minutes of ye 9th instant, was signed; as likewise a letter for inclosing the same to Mr. Secretary Addison.

August 23. Present:—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The letters undermentioned from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, were severally read, and the papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt.

Letter from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, dated the 11th July, 1716, complaining of Col. Ludwell, the late Deputy Auditor's not communicating to him his answer to the charge against the said Ludwell, and desiring the answer may not be received before there be an opportunity of replying.

Letter from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, to the secretary, dated the 16th of January, 1717.

Col. Spotswood's answer to two anonymous letters, with queries against him.

Affidavit of Mr. Griffin, about the removing the Saponie Indians to Christanna.

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*Charge,
Governor's answer.*

Jamaica.
*Order of Council,
representation,
Act
against negroes
evidence.*

Bermuda.
*Order of Council,
representation.
Act.
Jenings's debts.*

Antigua.
*Order of Council,
representation.
Watkins's Act.*

St. Christophers.
*Order of Council,
representation.
Mathew's Act.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from
Mr. Burchett,
account of the
Virgin Islands.*

Jamaica.
*Order of Council,
representation,
money.
Lord A. Hamilton.*

*Representation on
his Lordships
memorial.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

Virginia.
*Letters and papers
from the Governor.*

*Letter from Colonel
Spotswood.*

Papers referred to.

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Copy of Col. Spotswood's circular letter to the gentlemen of the Council of Virginia, about levying the burgesses allowances.

The Attorney General of Virginia's narrative of the case of Mrs. Wilson, who killed her slave.

Accounts of the tobacco paid the rangers.

Copy of the Lieut. Governor of Virginia's proposals and message to the Assembly, for a new regulation of the Militia.

Copy of an address from the grand jury of Virginia, to Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor.

*Letter from
Colonel Spotswood.*

Letter from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, to the Board, without date.

Copy of a representation from the Council of Virginia to Col. Spotswood, relating to the joining other persons with them in a commission of Oyer and Terminer.

Letter to the Colonel. Their lordships then took into consideration the draught of a letter to Col. Spotswood, in answer to these and other letters from him, and made a progress therein.

*Letter from
Mr. Blathwayt.*

*Colonel Ludwell,
Deputy auditor's
constitution.*

A letter from Mr. Blathwayt of ye 27th August, 1716, relating to the difference between Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, and Col. Ludwell, late Deputy Auditor of that colony was read, and the copy of Mr. Blathwayt's constitution of the said Ludwell to be his deputy, was laid before the Board.

August 28. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

St. Christophers.
*Proposals for
purchasing the lands.*

The several sealed proposals undermentioned for purchasing lands in the late French part of St. Christophers, were opened and read, vizt.

*Richard Banks,
Esquire.*

The proposal of Richd. Bankes, Esqr. for the whole lands lately possessed by the French, exclusive of the salt-ponds and poorest lands adjoining, as also of the poorest lands near the sea, together with the rocks and mountains.

Mr. Stephen Brown.

The proposal of Mr. Stephen Brown, for purchasing 700 acres, being part of the lands lately possessed by John Thornton, and lands thereto adjoining called Colledge and Fountain Plantations in Basse Terre Quarter, to which was annexed the copy of the petition of the said Stephen Brown, lately presented to his Majesty.

*Mr. James Butler,
for Mr. Thomas
Fenton.*

The proposal of Mr. James Butler, in behalf of Mr. Thomas Fenton, for purchasing about 100 acres called Bowyea's Plantation in Capisterre Quarter, now possessed by the said Mr. Fenton.

*for Captain John
Williams.*

The proposal of the said Butler, in behalf of Captn. John Williams for 100 acres next adjoining to Bowyea's Plantation.

for himself.

The proposal of the said Butler, for 100 acres for himself, next adjoining to the forementioned.

for Mr. Jackson.

The proposal of the said Butler, in behalf of Mr. Jackson, for 100 acres, being a plantation possessed by the said Mr. Jackson in Fig-tree Division, according to the bounds described.

*Messrs. Cabibel and
Soulegre.*

The proposal of Mr. Peter Cabibel, senr. for two plantations for himself and Mr. Peter Soulegre, one of 150 acres, possessed by one Courpom, the other of between 160 and 200 acres, at a place called

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Fig-tree, adjoining to the boundary between the English and late French ground toward Sandy point.

The proposal of Mr. Micajah Perry, Humphry and Robert South, John Mills and Joseph Martyn, in behalf of several of the most considerable planters, who have settled and improved several quantities of land in the late French part of the said island for 2740 acres, according to a schedule annexed to their said proposal.

*Messrs. Perry, South,
Mills, Martyn.*

The proposal of Mr. Walter Darcey for 200 acres in Capisterre Quarter, formerly belonging to Monsr. le Grande and Monsr. Laffon according to the bounds described.

Mr. Walter Darcey.

The proposal of Mr. William Fenton for 200 acres of land.

Mr. William Fenton.

The proposal of Sir Thomas Johnson for purchasing the whole lands formerly enjoyed by the French in St. Christophers.

Sir Thomas Johnson.

The proposal of Mr. John Smith, in behalf of Henry Rawlins, for about 70 acres in Basse Terre Quarter, according to the bounds described.

*Mr. John Smith
for Henry Rawlins.*

The proposal of Mr. Christopher Stoddard, for about 60 acres, being a plantation formerly possessed by Capt. Lambert, a French subject, and since by Mr. Milliken, according to the bounds described.

*Mr. Christopher
Stoddard.*

The proposal of Mr. Humphry and Robert South, as also of Mr. Samuel and Joseph Travers in behalf of George Lyddale and Robert Clayton, for two plantations, the one adjoining to the plantation of Lagureques, called Bennew's land, the other being where the house of Pennell's Upper Plantation in Capisterre Quarter stood, with 200 acres of land.

*Messrs. South and
Travers
for George Lyddale
and Robert Clayton.*

The proposal of Col. Daniel Smith for 200 acres, according to the bounds described.

Colonel Daniel Smith.

The proposal of Mr. John Smith, in behalf of the widow of John Thornton Esqr. for 200 acres possessed by the said Thornton, and improved by him.

*Mr. John Smith
for Mrs. Thornton.*

The proposal of Mr. John Douglas, for a plantation called Pensez y bien, and a parcel of land in Basse Terre town, formerly belonging to Monsr. Mareschall and Monsr. Raymond, with the buildings thereon, &c.

Mr. John Douglas.

The proposal of Mrs. Elizabeth Buxton, widow, for 150 acres in Fig-tree Capisterre Quarter, according to the bounds described.

Mrs. Buxton.

The proposal of Mr. Nathl. Carpenter, in behalf of Mr. John Huffum, of Nevis, for about 100 acres, being a plantation formerly possessed by William Burke in Basse Terre Quarter, according to the bounds described; as also for another plantation of 150 acres possessed by Mr. Salkeld, according to bounds described.

*Mr. N. Carpenter
for Mr. Huffum.*

The proposal of Mr. Henry Brown, for 250 acres, being known by the names of Madam du Maine's and Monsr. Pierro's plantations, with the island adjacent in Fig-tree Quarter.

Mr. H. Brown.

The proposal of Col. Daniel and Mr. John Smith, in behalf of Richard Abbott, Esqr. residing at Nevis, for 250 acres, being late Monsr. Mareschall's mansion-house, and land adjacent.

*Messrs. Smith, for
Richard Abbot, Esq.*

The proposal of Major Peter Buor, Capt. de Brisac and Mr. Samuel Hill, in behalf of the planters, settlers and inhabitants of the late French part of Saint Christophers, offering to pay for their plantations by a tax.

*Major Peter Buor,
Captain de Brisac,
Mr. Samuel Hill.*

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*Mr. Heysham
for Mrs. Panton.**Mr. Daniel Alford.**Proposals
abstracted.***Plantations General.***Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Printing laws.***Barbadoes.***Representation.
John Colleton
of the Council.*

The proposal of Robt. Heysham, Esqr. in behalf of the widow of Col. Panton, for 200 acres, now in her possession.

The proposal of Mr. Danl. Alford, for 150 acres, being a plantation called Olivice's.

Of all which proposals, directions were given for preparing an abstract to be laid before their lordships.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, relating to the printing the laws of the several plantations, was signed.

The draught of a representation for presenting to his Majesty John Colleton, Esqr. to be a member of his Majesty's Council of Barbadoes in the room of Thomas Alleyne Esqr. deceased, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

August 29. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The reference from Mr. Secretary Addison, upon the petition of Sir Alexander Cairnes, Bart., James Douglas and Joshua Gee, merchants, praying for a tract of land in Nova Scotia, as mentioned in the minutes of the 9th instant, being again read; and Sir Alexander Cairnes, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Gee attending, their lordships had some discourse with them upon the subject of the said petition and desiring them to bring their proposals in writing, for the settlement they think of making in Nova Scotia, the said gentlemen promised to consider of it, and bring their proposals accordingly.

A representation as agreed at the last meeting, for presenting to his Majesty John Colleton Esqr. to be of the Council of Barbadoes, in the room of Thomas Alleyne Esqr. deceased, was signed.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, mentioned in the minutes of the 23rd instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Upon consideration of the proposals for determining the controversy about the bounds between Virginia and North Carolina, mentioned in the minutes of the 16th May, 1716, ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Shelton, Secretary to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, inclosing a copy of the said proposals, for the sentiments of the Lords Proprietors thereupon.

August 30. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, in order to know his Majesty's pleasure upon what Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia writes relating to the Councillors of that colony acting in two capacities as Councillors and as members of the Upper House of Assembly there.

A letter to Col. Spotswood, as agreed yesterday, was signed.

Sir Nicholas Lawes attending, his observations upon the draught of his instructions for the Government of Jamaica, which had been communicated to him, were read; and their lordships having some discourse with Sir Nicholas thereupon, a progress was made in the consideration of the said instructions.

Nova Scotia.
*Reference from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Sir Alexander
Cairnes and others.
Tract of land.*

Proposals in writing.

Barbadoes.
*Representation.
John Colleton
of the Council.
Virginia.
Letter to
Colonel Spotswood.*

**Virginia.
Carolina.**
*Proposals,
bounds.
Letter to
Mr. Shelton.
Copy.
Lords proprietors.*

Virginia.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

*Councillor's two
capacities.*

*Letter to
Colonel Spotswood.
Jamaica.
Sir N. Lawes,
observations
instructions.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison of the 22nd instant, in answer to the letter from this Board, of the 3rd of the last month, relating to the ill practices to keep up divisions in New Jersey, and signifying his Majesty's approbation of the conduct of Brigadier Hunter, Governor of that province and New York, was read; whereupon the draught of a letter to Brigadier Hunter, upon that subject, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

September 4. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A petition from the agents of Barbadoes to his Majesty, with Mr. Secretary Addison's reference thereupon to this Board of the 3rd instant relating to an ecclesiastical court attempted to be erected in that island, by virtue of a commission from the Lord Bishop of London to one Gordon; as also the copy of Mr. Lowther's letter to his lordships on that subject, were read; and Mr. Micklethwait and Mr. Bampfild attending, they were desired to procure and bring to the Board copies of the powers or commissions to the late and present Bishop of London, to erect such court, as likewise of the powers or commissions granted by them to their Commissaries at Barbadoes, which these gentlemen promised to endeavour accordingly.

The proposals of Mr. Rowland Tryon in behalf of several persons therein named for purchasing lands in the late French part of St. Christophers, were read and ordered to be abstracted.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison of the 3rd instant, signifying his Majesty's pleasure upon several letters and representations of this Board, was read; whereupon ordered that the draught of an instruction be prepared to General Hamilton Governor of the Leeward Islands, relating to the money allowed him for house-rent, and against receiving gifts and presents, according to his Majesty's commands signified in the said letter.

That the draught of a commission and instructions be prepared for Capt. Woodes Rogers to be Governor of the Bahama Islands.

As also of an instruction to Sir Nicholas Lawes, Governor of Jamaica, according to his Majesty's directions, relating to the money advanced by the Lord Archibald Hamilton and the Council of that island, for subsistence of the soldiers there.

Further ordered that the laws in this Office, of the several plantations, be looked out, that such of them as are fit, may be printed, pursuant to his Majesty's directions in that behalf.

The draught of an additional instruction to his Majesty's Governors of the several plantations in America, pursuant to the Order in Council, of the 31st July, mentioned in the minutes of ye 8th of last month, relating to the passing acts of unusual and extraordinary nature, or which may affect the trade or shipping of Great Britain, was read, agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

An Order of Council of the 29th of last month referring to this Board the petition of Col. William Codrington, relating to 763 acres of land in the late French part of St. Christophers, granted by the late Colonel Christopher Codrington in trust for himself,

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Ill practices,
divisions;
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approved;
Letter to him.

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Bishop of London,
Gordon
Governors letter.

Bishop of London's
power.

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St. Christophers.
Mr. R. Tryon's
proposals.

Leeward Islands.
Barbadoes.
Virginia.
Newfoundland.
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Secretary Addison.
Instructions.
General Hamilton's
house-rent.

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Commission and
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Captain W. Rogers
Governor.
Jamaica.
Instructions.
Sir N. Lawes.
Money
Lord A. Hamilton.

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to be printed.

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instruction.

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Order of Council,
Colonel
W. Codrington.
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*Captain Priswick.
Colonel Codrington
summoned.*

New Jersey.
*Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.
Barbadoes.*

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*Alice Tickle.
Francis Jemmot.*

New York.
*Act.
William Anderson
to sell land.*

St. Christophers.
*Act to
change a path.*

*to Mr.
Solicitor General.*

upon his conquest of the French there, was read, together with the said petition; whereupon directions were given for acquainting Capt. Priswick, who brought the said Order, that the Board desire to speak with him or Col. Codrington at ten of the clock on Wednesday morning next.

A letter to Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New Jersey, &c. as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

The secretary laying before their lordships the three following Acts, vizt.

An Act passed at Barbadoes, the 10th of April, 1711, entituled An Act to dock ye intail of certain lands in the parish of Christ Church in this island, and of several negro slaves; and also of a certain parcel of land lying and being in the town of St. Michael and to vest the Fee-simple of the said land and negroes in Alice Tickle, spinster, and of the parcel of land in St. Michael's Town in Francis Jemmot, his heirs and assigns for ever.

An Act passed at New York, the 7th of Octbr., 1712, entituled, An act to enable William Anderson to sell a lot of ground in Queen Street, the estate of the said William, in right of Deborah his wife deceased, for the payment of debts contracted by his said wife, before the intermarriage.

An Act passed at St. Christophers the 26th of March last, entituled, An Act to empower the surveyor of the highways to turn the windward common path to the eastward of Clayhill in the quarter of Basse Terre.

Ordered that the said acts be sent to Mr. Solicitor General for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

September 5. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

An Order of Council of the 29th of last month, upon the petition of Samuel Barwick Esqr. one of his Majesty's Council in Barbadoes, praying his Majesty's leave for further absence from the said island, on account of his private affairs in this kingdom, was read; and Mr. Barwick attending, inquiry was made of him how long he had been already absent from Barbadoes; whereupon he acquainted the Board, that at Michaelmas next it will be two years, since he left that island; that he had made application in February last, for his Majesty's leave, but had not obtained any order thereupon before the date of this above mentioned. Mr. Barwick being withdrawn, directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation upon the said order and petition.

Their lordships then made a progress in considering the draught of instructions for Sir Nicholas Lawes for the government of Jamaica.

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Jamaica.
*Instructions.
Sir N. Lawes.*

September 11. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the draughts of instructions for Sir Nicholas Lawes, for the government of Jamaica; and a list of persons proposed by Sir Nicholas to be of the council of the said island, and of persons fit to supply vacancies therein, was read.

Jamaica.
*Instructions.
Sir N. Lawes.
Council.*

September 12. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Captain Priswick attending with Mr. Chester in behalf of Col. Codrington, inquiry was made of them by what power and authority Col. Codrington, father of the late Col. Codrington, became possessed of the lands at St. Christophers, mentioned in the Order of Council and petition, which were read the 4th instant. But these gentlemen not being able to give their lordships any more satisfactory account of that matter than what is contained in the said petition; ordered that the commission and instructions to the said Col. Codrington the father, be looked out, in order to see what power he had about granting lands.

A memorial from Mr. Barwick, relating to his absence from the Council of Barbadoes, was read.

Then their lordships made a further progress in considering the draughts of instructions for Sir Nicholas Lawes, for the government of Jamaica.

September 18. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The draughts of additional instructions to the governors of his Majesty's plantations, pursuant to the Order of Council, of the 31st July last, relating to the passing of acts there, which may affect the trade or shipping of this kingdom, being agreed, a letter for enclosing the same to Mr. Secretary Addison, to be laid before his Majesty, was signed.

Sir Alexander Cairnes and Mr. James Douglas attending, presented to the Board their proposals in writing for making a settlement in Nova Scotia, which were read; and their lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration, together with the petition of Sir Alexander and others upon this subject, at the first opportunity.

The Lord Bishop of London coming to the Board, on occasion of a complaint from the Island of Barbadoes, relating to his Lordship's commissary there, and the erecting an ecclesiastical court in the said island, his Lordship communicated to the Board a copy of his commission to Mr. Gordon as his commissary, as likewise of a letter from his Lordship to Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, upon that subject; and upon discourse with his Lordship, he said, that his own power in Barbadoes, was derived from the 84th instruction to the governor of that island, his Lordship having no other authority there; and that Mr. Gordon had no authority from him to set up an ecclesiastical commission, nor any instructions or other power than the commission abovementioned.

A representation relating to the renewal of commissions for the trying of pirates in his Majesty's plantations in America, was agreed and signed.

The draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. Barwick, mentioned in the minutes of the 5th instant, praying further leave to be absent from the Council of Barbadoes, was agreed and signed.

A petition to his Majesty from Francis Melmoth, merchant, in behalf of Mr. Knight, Receiver-General of Jamaica, relating to a sum of money issued for the subsistence of the soldiers there, with

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Captain Priswick.
Mr. Chester.
Colonel Codrington.
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Commission and instructions.

Barbadoes.
Barwick's memorial,
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Cairnes,
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*Reference.
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Secretary Addison.*

Mr. Addison's reference thereupon to this Board, being read; a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, upon that subject, was agreed and signed.

Their lordships taking into consideration the Acts passed in Jamaica in 1715—16, and 1716 entituled, as follows, vizt.

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An Act for the more easy serving of constables.

An Act for the effectual discovery of all persons disaffected to his Majesty and to prevent all such persons holding any office.

An Act to prevent fraudulent trade to Hispaniola and other foreign parts.

An Act to oblige several inhabitants to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white people, and to maintain such as shall come over, &c.

An Act to encourage the bringing over and settling of white people in this island.

An Act for repealing an act for the better securing the estates and interests of orphans &c.

An Act to secure the freedom of elections, and directing the proceedings in the choice of members to serve in assemblies.

An Act for granting a further relief in relation to proving of wills and testaments, and granting letters of administration of intestate estates.

*to Mr.
Solicitor General.*

Ordered that the said acts be sent to Mr. Solicitor General for his opinion thereupon in point of law, with all convenient speed.

September 19. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

*Trade.
Representation.
Memorial.
M. de Monteleone,
logwood—Campechy.*

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the draught of a representation upon the memorial of the Marquis de Monteleone, Ambassador of Spain, relating to the British subjects settling and cutting logwood at Campechy.

September 25. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

*Carolina.
Mr. Boon,
state of the province.*

Mr. Boon attending, communicated to the Board the copy of a letter from Carolina, dated the 8th of June last, relating to the ill circumstances of that province, with regard to the Indian War, which was read.

*St. Christophers.
Messrs. Perry and
Martyn.
Disposal of the lands.*

Mr. Micajah Perry, Mr. Joseph Martyn, and others attending, presented to the Board in writing some reasons against disposing of the late French lands in St. Christophers, to any one person or body of men, other than the present proprietors, which their lordships resolved to take into consideration with the several proposals about purchasing the said lands.

*Nova Scotia.
Petition.
Sir Alexander
Cairnes,
grant of lands.
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Letter from
Mr. Kelsall.*

Their lordships taking again into consideration the petition and proposals from Sir Alexander Cairnes and others, for a grant of some lands in Nova Scotia, directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison thereupon.

A letter from Mr. Kelsall, by order of the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, dated the 22nd of last month, for the

opinion of this Board upon the draught of a grant of some lands at Cape Dore in Nova Scotia, being read, together with the said draught, directions were given to the secretary for preparing a letter to Mr. Lowndes on that subject.

The draught of a representation upon the memorial of the Marquis de Monteleone, Ambassador of Spain, relating to the British subjects cutting logwood at Campechy, mentioned in the minutes of the 19th instant, was agreed, transcribed and signed, together with a letter for inclosing the same to Mr. Secretary Addison.

September 26. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon several acts passed in Jamaica, in 1711, and 1712, was read, together with the acts therein mentioned as follows, vizt.:—

An Act for regulating fowling and fishing.

An Act declaring what persons shall be qualified to sit in Assemblies.

An Act for the better securing the estates and interests of orphans and creditors, and to oblige executors to give security, and to return appraisements into the secretary's office of this island.

An Act for preserving the publick records of this island.

An Act to prevent hawking and disposing of goods clandestinely.

An Act to disenable any member of the Council, or of the Assembly of this island, from acting as commissioner for receiving any publick money raised, or to be raised by the Governor, Council and Assembly of this island; and to disenable any such commissioner to be a member of the Council, or of the present or any future assembly of this island.

And upon the two last Acts, their lordships agreed to speak with Sir Nicholas Lawes, now appointed Governor of that island.

Mr. Solicitor-General's report upon several Acts of Jamaica passed there in 17¹⁵/₁₆, and 1716, was likewise read, as also the act therein mentioned, entituled, An Act for repealing an act for the better securing the estates and interests of orphans, &c.

The petition of Edward Pennant and Anthony Swymmer, of Jamaica, Esqrs. praying relief in relation to the grant of the escheated estate of Anna Williamina Bernarda Kupius, together with Mr. Secretary Addison's reference, of the 19th instant, upon the said petition, were read; whereupon ordered that the Lord Archibald Hamilton late Governor of the said island, be desired to give the Board the state of that matter.

The draught of a letter, ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Secretary Addison, upon the petition and proposals of Sir Alexander Cairnes and others, relating to a grant of some lands in Nova Scotia, being read, the same was agreed, transcribed and signed.

The draught of a letter from the secretary to Mr. Lowndes, upon the reference from the Lords of the Treasury, relating to a grant of some lands at Cape Dore in Nova Scotia, being read, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

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*Lands.
Cape Dore.*

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*Representation.
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Logwood—
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*Attorney General's
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Solicitor General's
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*Petition.
Pennant and
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Nova Scotia.
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Representation.
Acts.

Their lordships then gave some directions for preparing the draught of a representation upon the acts of Jamaica before mentioned.

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*Mr. J. Micklethwaite
and others.
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*Dominick Langton.
Ecclesiastical court.*

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*Mr. H. Walpole.
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September 27. Present :—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Joseph Micklethwaite, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Bampfild, agents for the Island of Barbadoes, attending, a memorial from them, relating to an act passed in that island, entitled, An Act for laying an imposition or duty on all sugars, melosses, rum, cotton and ginger, imported this island, which are not the natural product, growth and manufacture of some of his Majesty's colonies, together with the reasons for passing the said act, were read, as likewise the Act itself; whereupon ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared, wherewith to lay the same before his Majesty for his royal approbation.

It being observed to these gentlemen, in relation to Dominick Langton, named in their petition, concerning an ecclesiastical court in Barbadoes, mentioned in the minutes of the 4th instant, that the Lord Bishop of London had intimated Major Mason of the Tower's having assured his Lordship of Mr. Lowther's promise to provide for the said Langton; and they being inquired of what they knew of that matter, and if they had anything further to offer as to their petition, they desired to attend the Board on Thursday next, and that Major Mason might have notice to attend likewise at the same time, which was ordered accordingly.

The proposals of Mr. John Mills, for purchasing all the late French lands in the island of St. Christophers, were read; as likewise Col. Codrington's proposals for purchasing some particular plantations there, containing about 2000 acres.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 26th instant, referring to the Board a memorial from the Lord Archibald Hamilton, late Governor of Jamaica, relating to ye money advanced by his Lordship for the subsistence of his Majesty's forces in that island; to the disaffection and ill practices of several members of the Council of the said island; and to Mr. Page the Deputy Secretary with the copy of a letter from the said Page, and the extract of one from Mr. Bernard, were severally read; whereupon ordered that the Lord Archibald Hamilton be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with his Lordship on that subject on Wednesday morning next.

Mr. Horatio Walpole attending, acquainted the Board, that upon the death of Mr. Blathwayt, he had the place of Auditor-General of his Majesty's plantations, and promised their lordships a copy of his patent for that employment, desiring at the same time the Board's assistance in what may relate to his said office, which their lordships were pleased to assure him of.

Then the Board took into consideration the acts of Jamaica, entitled, as follows, vizt.

An Act to encourage white men to come to continue and settle in this island. Passed November 14th, 1712.

An Act to encourage the bringing over and settling of white people in this island, and

An Act to oblige several inhabitants of this island to provide themselves with sufficient number of white people, and to maintain such as shall come over within a certain time, or pay certain sums of money, in case they shall be deficient, and applying the same to several uses.

Both passed Novbr. 10th, 1716, which were read; as also a memorial from Sir Nicholas Lawes, relating to some of the said acts, and to the soldiers at Jamaica; whereupon their lordships agreed that the said acts should lie by, for further consideration.

October 2. Present:—Earl of Suffolk, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The Lord Archibald Hamilton, late Governor of Jamaica, attending as appointed, he produced to their lordships several papers in proof of the allegations of his memorial to the king, referred to this Board, and mentioned in the minutes of the 27th of last month, his lordship proceeded to his proofs in order, as the respective paragraphs stand numbered in his memorial, and begun by observing that the differences he had had with the Assembly of Jamaica, were chiefly upon three points, which his instructions and the Board of Trade had recommended to him, vizt. The pretended power in the Assembly of adjourning themselves for what time they thought fit, without leave from the governor;—Their denying the Council any right of amending money-bills; and refusing to make provision for subsisting his Majesty's forces there; which had been recommended by his Majesty.

1st. To prove "That during the whole administration of the said Lord Archibald Hamilton there, he endeavoured to act in all respects agreeable to his instructions, and according to the duty of his office, in support of his Majesty's royal authority, then manifestly struck at by a set of violent and ill-designing men;" his lordship referred to Mr. Secretary (now Lord) Stanhope's letter of the 25th February, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, which approves the several steps taken by ye said Lord Archibald Hamilton, in execution of the orders sent him upon the death of her late Majesty, and to his Majesty's letter of the 13th May, 1715, relating to the discharging of publick debts and the subsistence of the two independent companies there, wherein his Majesty was pleased to express his royal pleasure in these terms, vizt.:—*We expect you will continue your best endeavours for the advancement of these good ends, which We hope, will restore that Our Island to a flourishing condition:* his lordship further appealed to the letter which this Board wrote to Mr. Secretary Stanhope the 17th of February, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, wherein it is represented that by what appeared by the books in this office, the Lord Archibald Hamilton seemed exactly to have followed his instructions. And as to his Majesty's authority being struck at by violent and designing men, his lordship doubted not but the same would fully appear in his progress through the following articles.

2. To prove the second article of the memorial, where his lordship says "He had his Majesty's approbation of his conduct, by the

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removal of such members of the Council, whose misbehaviour and opposition to the king's service his lordship had represented ;" he referred to the report of the 25th April, 1715, made by this Board, whereupon Mr. Chaplin and Mr. Blair, who had encouraged the proceedings of the Assembly, relating to their having the sole right of framing money-bills, and to a power of adjourning themselves at pleasure, &c. were removed from his Majesty's Council in Jamaica ; his lordship added, that he should give further instances of Mr. Chaplin and Blair's misbehaviour in explaining ye subsequent articles.

Third article.

3. To support what is asserted in ye third article, "That the Assembly had, notwithstanding his Majesty's recommendation, refused to make any provision for the subsistence of the two independent companies"; the Lord Archibald Hamilton referred to the minutes of assembly of the 9th Novbr., 1715, and that part thereof was read where the aforesaid Mr. Chaplin reported from a committee of the said Assembly, that the accounts of money disbursed for the subsistence of Col. Handasyd's Regiment and the two independent companies, were of an unprecedented nature, being disbursed without a law, or the publick faith given for reimbursing the same, and that the Committee could not take upon them to determine whether the same ought to be paid or not ; whereupon the Assembly voted the said money to be no publick debt, within the construction of his Majesty's letter of the 13th May, 1715, tho' it appears by a subsequent letter of his Majesty's, bearing date the 10th of April, 1716, relating to the payment of that money, that his Majesty did look upon it as a publick debt, and recommended the same to be provided for as such, by his former letter of the 13th May, 1715 ; the Lord Archibald took notice, as a farther proof of its being a publick debt, that money advanced by the present governor for the same services, was not only acknowledged as a publick debt, but has since been re-imbursed by the Assembly, with an allowance of 12 per cent. interest.

Fourth article.

4. Upon the fourth article, his lordship said, that contrary to his instructions communicated to the Council, complaints had been sent against him to England, which had never been communicated to him in Jamaica, as would fully appear by proofs relating to subsequent articles, and more particularly to the eleventh.

Fifth article.

5. To the fifth article, "That to compass their ill designs against his lordship, a large sum of money was unwarrantably subscribed and collected by the leading men of the Assembly and remitted to Great Britain, on pretence of soliciting the affairs of that island" ; his lordship referred to the minutes of the Assembly of the 20th and 21st of December, 1715, and those parts which relate to the said subscription were read, as likewise the draught of the subscription drawn up by Captain Bennet, who, on his lordship's removal, was constituted of the Council under Mr. Heywood. His lordship observed that the Assembly had during his government, prepared and sent to the Council a bill to raise money for soliciting the publick affairs of the island in this kingdom, by which the Assembly had excluded the governor and Council from the very knowledge of what was intended to be transacted ; the Council

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made several amendments to the bill, which the Assembly refusing to admit of, on pretence that the Council had no right to make any alteration to a money bill upon which the bill was dropt, and a subscription was set on foot; and his lordship said, he had been well informed, that about £1100 were raised in the Assembly, besides what was collected in the several parishes, contrary to his Majesty's instructions; his lordship added, that this method of raising money, was at first proposed to the Assembly in the nature of an ordinance, and read there twice as such; and as his lordship had reason to believe, was afterwards dropt, and put out of the form of ordinance only upon some observations which his lordship made as to the irregularity of it. His lordship observed that tho' the chief pretence for raising of this money was to solicit the dispatch of several acts: he did not know, and he appealed to the Board, if any application had been made, since that time, for the confirming any acts of that island; from whence he did infer that the fore-mentioned Bill for soliciting the publick affairs of the island, as well as the subscription, were designed for private ends, and not for the publick service of that island.

6. To the sixth article, alledging, "That at the instigation of a party, one Page, Deputy-Secretary of Jamaica, a person unqualified, of an ill character, and whom his lordship had therefore refused to admit into that office, till he received express commands for so doing, deserted his office, and left the island, contrary to law, without the governors licence or privity"; his lordship produced and read a letter under Mr. Page's own hand, dated on board the Diamond Man of War, the 6th of March, 1715, whereof a copy was annexed to his memorial, desiring his lordship's favourable opinion, and excuse for departing the island, without his lordship's leave. My lord likewise produced a letter from Mr. Bernard, Chief Justice, and one of the present Council of Jamaica, wherein he says, *That turning over the patent-book one day in the Secretary's office, he was astonished to see the entry of a ticket from Lord Archibald Hamilton to Samuel Page to go off the island.* Whereupon my lord observed, that Mr. Page must either have forged his lordships name to a ticket, or, contrary to the trust reposed in him, and unknown to his lordship, have filled up with his own name one of the blank tickets, which multiplicity of business obliged his lordship to leave in his hands ready signed. That Mr. Page had, with the letter he wrote to his lordship, after his leaving the island, sent a certificate of his indisposition, as an excuse for his leaving the island, but that his lordship could not look upon that as a just reason for his going off so abruptly, and without leave. His lordship further referred to the minutes of the Council of Jamaica, of the 9th March, 1715-16, upon this subject, which were read. In relation to Mr. Page's not being qualified, his lordship alledged that some of the members of the Council were always obliged to take the minutes of what passed at that Board, where the said Page acted as clerk; and as to his ill character, his lordship thought the same would more manifestly appear by the proof of the following article of his lordships memorial.

7. The seventh article alledging "That the said Page, with one Adlington, arriving in Great Britain, defrayed out of the sub-

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scription money aforesaid, made affidavits, chiefly rehearsing what they had heard the Lord Archibald Hamilton's enemies say concerning the robberies committed on the Spaniards; in which affidavits the said persons now appear to be wilfully and corruptly perjured." To prove the same, his lordship first observing that Mr. Page, in his affidavit of 15th May, 1716, has made Oath, *That he, the deponent heard from Leonard Barton, a person of a fair character, who was dispatched to the Leeward part of Jamaica, where this deponent was on the 9th of March, that the said Spanish sloop, with her whole cargo, was condemned in the said Barton's presence, the 7th of March last, &c.* To contradict which affidavit his lordship produced an original affidavit of the said Leonard Barton taken before Mr. Bernard, Chief Justice of Jamaica, the 17th of August, 1716, which was read, wherein the said Barton deposeth in the words following, vizt. *And this deponent further saith, that he neither knoweth Dr. Samuel Page, nor ever had any communication or discourse with him, touching or concerning the Spanish sloop formerly called the Kensington taken by Captain Francis Fernando, &c.,* which affidavit of Mr. Barton his lordship took notice, must have been true, and consequently Page's false, because the condemnation of the Spanish sloop was not till the 16th of March, as appeared by a copy of the sentence under the seal of the Admiralty produced by his lordship, whereas the said Page had been several days at sea before that time, and yet he pretends to have been informed of this condemnation by the said Barton, so long before it happened, as the 7th of that month, his lordship further observed that the said Page had deposed in the words following vizt. *To which said memorials the said Don Juan could receive no other answer from the governor than that the Florida Shoar was part of the king of England's dominions, and that as the Spaniards had seized on some English vessels since the peace, the said governor believed the said Spaniards were indebted to the English more than those Spanish effects would answer; to disprove* which assertion his lordship produced and read a minute of Council of the said island, dated the 9th of February, 1715, and signed by Mr. Page himself, by which it appears that several answers were given to Don Juan del Valle, upon his memorial, by his lordship, and the Council of Jamaica, who offered it to the consideration of the said Don Juan del Valle, whether the prosecuting the officers and mariners of the two vessels complained of, and the issuing such a proclamation as desired, might not deter others, then out, from returning to Jamaica, and be a means of putting them upon such desperate attempts as might be of more pernicious consequence to the Crown of Spain, &c. Whereupon the said Don Juan del Valle declined insisting on any criminal prosecution, lest such consequences happening, as might justly be feared, the blame thereof might be imputed to him. And that the said Page had been corruptly perjured, his lordship inferred from his having received part of the forementioned subscription-money, as his lordship was credibly informed; as also that upon his return to Jamaica he had complained of not having received enough. The Lord Hamilton further took notice, upon this article, of a petition from several merchants of Jamaica, mentioned in

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the minutes of ye Council of that island, of the 25th June, 1714, which was now read, praying that upon the departure of the men of war, his lordship would take proper methods for the protection of the trade of the island then in danger from pirates; whereupon his lordship said, he granted several commissions to commanders of vessels to go in quest of the said pirates, giving them proper instructions, and taking security for the due observance thereof, which commission and instructions, as his lordship affirmed, were the same that had been formerly given by his predecessors on like occasions, copies of which he promised to transmit to the Board. That upon complaints against some of the commanders of the vessels, he issued a proclamation for recalling them. His lordship likewise observed that Mr. Blair and Mr. Chaplin, two persons concerned in the complaint against him, were security for some of the commanders of these vessels.

8. Upon the eighth article, relating to "his lordship's removing Mr. Heywood (now Commander in Chief of Jamaica)" from the place of Chief Justice, and from the Council there; his lordship referred to the minute of Council of the 14th February, 1715-16, whereby it appeared that his lordship, conformable to his instructions, had not only the majority, but the unanimous advice of the Council in that proceeding.

Eighth article.

9. As to the ninth article, alledging "That some of the new councillors whom the king was pleased to appoint with Mr. Heywood, the new governor, were some of them the same persons whom his Majesty had before thought fit to displace, and who had continued their opposition to his service; and that others of the new councillors had been the most violent men in the Assembly, in opposing the several matters recommended by his Majesty's letters, and had most largely subscribed to the sum remitted as aforesaid;" his lordship named Mr. Blair and Mr. Chaplin as the former, and Mr. Risby, Mr. Thomas Beckford and Mr. Bennett as the latter.

Ninth article.

10, 11, 12. As to the tenth, eleventh and twelfth articles relating to "the instruction sent Mr. Heywood and his Council for seizing the Lord Hamilton's person, sending him prisoner to England with proper proofs in case they should find him concerned in the piracy laid to his charge; and to the unjustifiable manner in which they put this instruction in execution against the said Lord Hamilton, and screening offenders;" he averred, that having sent to desire a copy of the whole charge against him, and repeated that message, he could obtain no answer, as Mr. Cockburn, his lordship's secretary, whom he sent for such copy, was now ready to testify upon oath. That even Mr. Broderick and Mr. Bernard, two of the members of that Council, were denied copies of what passed at that Board, to prevent his lordship's knowing the full substance of his accusation, whereby his lordship had not the opportunity of cross-examining witnesses, as aforesaid. That the majority of the said Council, acted very partially in adjourning to the house of one of the members of that Board, of their party, who was indisposed, and refusing to adjourn to another member's house on the like occasion, whereas if they had done it in this last case, the votes for his lordship's commitment had been equally divided.

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His lordship being asked what steps were taken by Col. Heywood and the government of Jamaica, to answer the intent of his Majesty's forementioned instructions ; his lordship said, he was unacquainted therewith ; that he was not taken into custody till a few days before he was sent away and that no cause of commitment was specified in the warrant for that purpose, which was signed only by an under-clerk of the Council. His lordship acknowledged he was interested in the sloop Bennett, but being sensible that the commander thereof had exceeded his commission, and broken his instructions, by the seizure he had made of Spanish goods, his lordship was far from intending to reap any advantage from so unlawful a proceeding : and he appealed to the minutes of the Council of Jamaica, of the 9th June, 1716, for a proof of his integrity upon this occasion. His lordship likewise further affirmed, that above a month before that Council was held, and before Don Juan de Valle had made any complaint against the ship his lordship was concerned in, he had communicated his intention upon this subject to Mr. Bernard and Mr. Broderick, two of the Council, who were of opinion that his lordship would do well to temporize with Bendysh, and receive his own share of the profit arising from the foresaid capture from the Spaniards, in order to fix the proportion of the several owners and thereby to discover and secure as many effects as possible for the use of the persons from whom the same had been illegally taken, and accordingly his lordship did receive his share of the capture, and deposited the same in the hands of the Provost Marshall, subject to his Majesty's orders, where the same now lies.

Upon this occasion, his lordship further observed, that he had the rather chose to conduct himself in this transaction by the advice of the aforesaid Mr. Bernard and Mr. Broderick, because they were both of them persons learned in the law, the first being Chief Justice, and the latter at that time his Majesty's Attorney General of Jamaica ; and as they were perfectly informed with what intention it was, that his lordship did receive his share of the said prize. When Mr. Heywood and his Council were afterwards deliberating whether they should be justified by his Majesty's instructions in securing the said Lord Hamilton's person, the said Mr. Bernard and Mr. Broderick did make oath of the truth of the forementioned facts, which they declared in their opinion to be a sufficient proof that the said Lord Hamilton was not concerned in the piracy, and for that reason they and two other members of the Council refused to consent to the question for his lordship's commitment, which was carried only by one voice, as may appear by the minutes of Council, of the 13th September, 1716.

As a further proof of his lordship's intention to do justice to the Spaniards, he referred to the minutes of Council of the 21st June, 1716, by which it appeared how desirous he was that the appeal offered by the Spanish agents from the sentence of the Court of Admiralty, tho' not proper in point of form, should have its effect.

Thirteenth article.

13. As to the thirteenth article, his lordship alledged, that Mr. Heywood having, contrary to his Majesty's instructions, sent no evidence to support the charge against him ; he had, since his arrival here, continued many months under bail, and not only petitioned

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for a hearing but given publick advertisements at the Exchange in London, that he was ready to answer whatever any persons might have to object to him ; but that nobody had appeared : and Mr. Bendysh, who was sent over in order to be the chief evidence against his lordship, had declared to some of ye Ministers, as his lordship has been informed, that he had nothing to say against him. And his lordship observed, that this Mr. Bendysh was one of the persons concerned in the ship that had committed piracy, and the very same that had brought him his share of the capture, and who, by his lordship's Order in Council, had given security to return such part of the Spanish effects as had come to his hands ; notwithstanding which, the said Bendysh had obtained from Mr. Heywood a *Noli Prosequi*, contrary to the intention of his Majesty's instructions for discovering and punishing all persons concerned in the piracies complained of.

14. Upon the fourteenth article, importing " that the present Mr. Heywood and councillors of Jamaica had dropt their charge on this subject " ; his lordship observed that this Board was well acquainted what endeavours were used to oblige Mr. Page and Adlington to appear to what they had alledged against his lordship : so that upon the whole, his lordship hoped, his innocence might now plainly appear ; and that those of the Council who had so notoriously misbehaved themselves might not be continued of the Council, nor Mr. Page in the post of deputy-secretary.

The Lord Archibald Hamilton being then desired to acquaint the Board with the state of the matter relating to the escheated estate of Williamina Kupius of Jamaica, upon which Mr. Pennant and Swymmer have lately petitioned the king : his lordship referred himself to the papers undermentioned upon that subject, vizt.

Fourteenth article.

*Escheated estate,
W. Kupius,
Pennant and
Swymmer.*

Papers.

Mr. Secretary Stanhope's letter to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, of the 28th November, 1715, with his Majesty's mandamus or warrant for a grant of the said estate to Edward Nicholls, Esqr. dated the 30th of April, 1715.

Copy of the Lord Archibald Hamilton's letter to Mr. Secretary Stanhope of the 10th February, 1715-16.

Copy of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's warrant for a speedy grant of the said estate to Edward Nicholls, Esqr. dated the 17th July, 1716.

Copy of Mr. Baron's plea in support of the escheat patent to Pennant and Swymmer.

Memorandum from the Lord Archibald Hamilton relating to the said escheat.

October 3. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Major Mason attending, as he had been desired, the 27th of last month, and being asked what he knew of Dominick Langton, one of the ministers of Barbadoes, and whether he had not recommended him to the Bishop of London ; he said, that he had no knowledge of him, till the late Bishop of Derry brought him acquainted with him, and desired him to go along with him to recommend him to the Bishop of London, which he did accordingly ;

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that then both the bishops desired him to recommend him to Mr. Lowther, which he also did ; but should not have done it, had he then heard of the votes of the House of Commons of Ireland against him.

*Agents.**Letter.*

*Bishop of London's
commissary.
Representation.
Agents petition.*

The agents of Barbadoes attending, communicated to their lordships a letter they had received from the committee of correspondence in Barbadoes, of the 17th May last, relating to the Bishop of London's Commissary there, which was read, and a copy thereof ordered to be taken ; and directions given for preparing a representation upon the petition of the said agents, mentioned in the minutes of the 4th September last.

*Jamaica.**Letter to**Mr. Congreve.*

*Complaints against
Mr. Page.*

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Congreve, secretary of Jamaica, acquainting him that their lordships desire to speak with him on Wednesday next, upon several complaints that have been made to them against Mr. Page, his deputy.

*Mr. Mill's patent.
Receiver General.*

The copy of the patent of Mr. Mill, Receiver-General of Jamaica, was laid before the Board, and read.

Acts.

Their lordships again reconsidered the acts passed in Jamaica in January, 1715-16, and in November, 1716, and agreed to lay before his Majesty.

The act for the more easy serving of constables, and

The act for the effectual discovery of all persons that are disaffected to his Majesty, and his government ; and to prevent all such persons holding any office, &c.
to be confirmed. And the acts entituled, as follows, vizt.

An act to prevent all fraudulent trade to Hispaniola, and other foreign parts.

An act to oblige the several inhabitants of this island to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white people, and to maintain such as shall come over within a certain time, or pay certain sums of money, in case they shall be deficient, and applying the same to several uses.

An act for repealing an act, entituled, an act for the better securing the estates and interests of orphans and creditors, and to oblige executors to give security to return appraisements into the Secretary's Office of this island, &c.

An act for granting further relief in relation to proving of wills and testaments, and granting letters of administration of intestate estates.

An act to secure the freedom of elections, and directing the proceedings in the choice of members to serve in Assemblies in this island.

An act to prevent any one man to hold and enjoy any two or more offices of profit in this island.

An act to encourage the bringing over and settling of white people in this island.

*Jamaica.**Plantations General.**Letter from**Mr. Carkesse.*

*Commissioners of
Customs
observations.*

*Instructions for trade.**Sir N. Lawes.*

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the 30th July, 1717, returning the draughts of instructions relating to the acts of trade for Jamaica with the observations of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs thereupon, was read, and directions given for transcribing the draught of instructions relating to the said acts of trade, for Sir Nicholas Lawes, Govr. of the said island.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, for transmitting to him the draughts of instructions for Sir Nicholas Lawes, for the government of Jamaica, as also those above-mentioned relating to the acts of trade, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

October 4. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The new seals, which have been prepared for Barbadoes, the Leeward Islands, Jamaica, Bermuda, Virginia, New York, New Jersey, the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, being laid before the Board ; a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, for transmitting the said seals, with the draughts of warrants for his Majesty's signature to the Governors of the several plantations abovementioned for using the same in all things that pass the respective seals of those Governments, was signed.

Circular letters to his Majesty's respective Governors of Jamaica, Barbadoes, the Leeward Islands, Bermuda, Virginia, New York, New Jersey, the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, relating to their sending to this Board constant and distinct accounts of the several branches of the revenue &c. in those governments, were likewise signed.

October 10. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 5th October, 1717, inclosing his Majesty's additional instructions to the several Governors of his Majesty's plantations in America, relating to their passing acts which may any ways affect the trade or shipping of this kingdom, in order to the said instructions being forwarded by the first convenient opportunity was read ; and the new seals for several of his Majesty's plantations, as mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting, being returned to this office, together with his Majesty's warrants for using the same ; ordered that circular letters be prepared to the respective governors of the said plantations, wherewith to transmit the said additional instructions, seals and warrants.

A letter from Mr. Congreve, Patent-Secretary of Jamaica, relating to Mr. Page, his deputy in that employment, dated the 5th instant, was read.

A letter from Mr. Richard Harris to the secretary, dated the 27th of last month, relating to the character of Mr. Caillard, proposed to be of the Council of Jamaica, was read.

An anonymous paper containing reasons for restoring some to, and displacing other gentlemen from the Council of Jamaica, was read.

Two memorials from Sir Nicholas Lawes, the one relating to the ill state of the trade of that island, with respect to the want of men of war, the conduct of their commanders, and to pirates ; the other relating to Councillors, to be appointed ; a press for printing, and to a post-office to be settled there, were read ; and Sir Nicholas attending, he said, in regard to the press and the post office, that they would be a publick convenience and advantage to commerce.

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N. Lawes.
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Letter from
Mr. Congreve.
Mr. Page.
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Mr. Harris.
Mr. Caillard.
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Council.

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*Councillors.**Approved by
Sir Nicholas.*

St. Christophers.
*Letter from
Captain Prissick.
Colonel Codrington's
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St. Christophers.
*Additional proposal
Mr. Bankes.
Messrs. Perry and
Travers,
proposals,

as Mills.*

Jamaica.
*Mr. Page
Deputy Secretary.*

St. Christophers.
*Prissick and Chester
Codrington
land.*

Barbadoes.
*Solicitor General's
report.
Act.*

*Alice Tickle,
Francis Jemmott.
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Jamaica.
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison,
Pennant and
Swymmer.
Kupius.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Instructions.
Sir N. Lawes.
Act of trade.*

Their lordships then agreed to present to his Majesty the following names of twelve persons as fit to be of his Majesty's Council in Jamaica, vizt. Francis Rose, Thomas Bernard, James Archbould, John Ayscough, John Sadler, Ezekiel Gomersal, John Moore, Edward Pennant, Thomas Harrison, Samuel Moore, John Gregory and John Morant, Esqrs. And their names being read to Sir Nicholas Lawes, he was asked, if he had any objection to any of them; whereupon he answered, that he had not, they being all gentlemen of good characters, well affected to the present government, and every way well qualified to serve his Majesty as Councillors in the said island.

A letter from Captain Prissick, about the pretensions of Col. Codrington to certain lands in St. Christophers, dated the 4th of October, 1717, was read.

October 11. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

An additional proposal from Mr. Banks, about purchasing the late French lands at St. Christophers, was read.

Mr. Micajah Perry, Mr. John Perry and Mr. Samuel Travers attending, presented to the Board their proposals for purchasing and disposing of the said lands in St. Christophers, in the same manner as has been offered by the late Mr. John Mills deceased, which were read.

An anonymous paper containing some reasons for the removal of Mr. Page from being deputy to Mr. Congreve, Secretary of Jamaica, was read.

Captn. Prissick and Mr. Chester attending, and desiring in behalf of Col. Codrington, to be heard by Counsel, in relation to 763 acres of land in the late French part of St. Christophers, which is mentioned in the petition of the said Codrington, read the 4th of last month, their lordships desired these gentlemen would first bring in writing a full state of the case, which they promised accordingly.

Mr. Solicitor General's report upon an act passed in Barbadoes in April, 1711, entituled, An act to dock the intail of certain lands in the parish of Christ-Church in this island, and of several negro-slaves, and also of a certain parcel of land lying, and being in the town of St. Michael, and to vest the fee-simple of the said land and negroes in Alice Tickle, spinster, and of the parcel of land in St. Michael's Town, in Francis Jemmott, his heirs and assigns for ever, was read, and the draught of a representation, in order to his Majesty's confirmation of the said act, was agreed and signed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, upon the petition of Edward Pennant and Anthony Swymmer, of Jamaica, Esqrs. praying relief in relation to a second grant of ye escheated estate of Anna Williamina Bernarda Kupius, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, with the draughts of instructions for Sir Nicholas Lawes, for the Government of Jamaica, as also of the usual instructions which particularly relate to the acts of trade and navigation, was signed.

The circular letters, directed at the last meeting, to be prepared, to the respective Govrs. of his Majesty's plantations, for transmitting additional instructions, seals and warrants therein mentioned, were agreed and signed.

October 12. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their lordships taking into consideration several acts passed in the Leeward Islands, those passed at Antigua in March, 1715–16, entitled,

An act for constituting a Court of Chancery.

An act to indemnify Anthony Brown and John Elliot, of the aforesaid island, gentlemen, from a certain bond and articles of agreement by them entered into with George Pulleyn, carpenter, for the building a church in the parish of St. Philips in the said island, and to charge the said parish with the same.

An act for establishing a Court of King's-Bench, Common Pleas and Errors, and better regulating the administration of justice, and limiting a time for issuing executions out of the Court of Chancery.

were read, together with Mr. Attorney-General's reports on the said acts, mentioned in the minutes of the 8th July last; whereupon their lordships gave some directions for preparing the draught of a representation to his Majesty in order to the confirmation of the two first and the repeal of the last mentioned act.

The two undermentioned acts of St. Christophers, entitled,

An act to prevent danger that may happen by fire in any of the towns within this island. Passed in November, 1716.

An act to empower the surveyors of the highways to turn the windward common path to the eastward of Clay-Hill in the quarter of Basse terre. Passed in March, 1717.

were likewise read; as also Mr. Solicitor-General's report on the last of them. And directions given for preparing the draught of a representation upon the said acts.

Ordered that the acts of Antigua, entitled,

An act to prevent the increase of papists and non-jurors in this island, and for better governing those who are already settled here. Passed in March, 1715–16.

An act for the erecting and building a new church in the town of St. John's, in the room of the present parochial church there, and for raising a yearly reasonable tax for maintaining and constant repairing the same. Passed in November, 1716.

An act to quiet present possessors of lands to limit actions, and avoid suits in law. Passed in February, 1716–17.

be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

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Leeward Islands.
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Antigua.
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reports.*

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Jamaica.
Letter from
Mr. Cockburn.
Lord A. Hamilton.
Papers.

A letter from Mr. William Cockburn, of ye 5th instant, as also the papers therewith received, as undermentioned, relating to the Lord Archibald Hamilton's conduct at Jamaica, were read, vizt.

Copy of a commission granted by the Lord Archibald Hamilton, for suppressing of pirates.

Copy of the instructions given to the commanders of vessels, who had commissions for suppressing of pirates.

Copy of the bond given by the owners of vessels, who had commissions for suppressing of pirates.

List delivered by Mr. Page, to the Secretary of State, of the vessels commissioned by Lord Archibald Hamilton to go in quest of pirates from Jamaica.

Observations on Dr. Page's list of vessels commissioned by Lord Archibald Hamilton, delivered to the Secretary of State, with Mr. Page's affidavit.

October 14. Present:—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Plantations General.
Acts of Parliament
trade and
navigation.
Letter to
Mr. Lowndes.

A list of several Acts of Parliament relating to trade and navigation which are wanting to be distributed to Sir Nicholas Lawes, and the governors of his Majesty's other plantations, being laid before the Board; ordered that the secretary write to Mr. Lowndes, to move the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that his Majesty's printer may be directed to send to this office copies of the said acts, according to the forementioned list.

St. Christophers.
Proposals.
French lands,
letter to Lords
of Treasury.

Their lordships considering the several proposals before them, relating to ye purchase of the late French lands in St. Christophers, the draught of a letter to the Lords of the Treasury thereupon, with several conditions and restrictions, to which it may be fit the said purchasers be limited, were agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Barbadoes.
Representation.

The draught of a representation, ordered the 27th of last month, to be prepared, upon the act passed in Barbadoes, in July, 1716, entituled, An act laying an imposition or duty on all sugars, mellosses, rum, cotton and ginger imported this island, which are not the natural product, growth and manufacture of some of his Majesty's colonies; was agreed and signed.

Act.
Duty on sugars &c.
imported.

October 16. Present:—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

St. Christophers.
Letter to Lords
of Treasury,
proposals
French lands.

A letter to the Lords of the Treasury, agreed the 14th instant, relating to the several proposals made for purchasing the late French lands at St. Christophers, was signed.

Letter from
General Hamilton.
Letter to Lords
of Treasury.
Anguilla.

A letter from General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 15th of July last, was read; whereupon a letter to the Lords of the Treasury, upon what General Hamilton writes in his said letter, relating to the poor inhabitants of Anguilla, was agreed and signed; and ordered that the secretary give General Hamilton an account thereof, and desire him to take all possible care that the inhabitants of Anguilla or any other of the Leeward Islands do not remove to any foreign settlement there, and further to remind

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him of the Board's letter of the 4th instant, relating to accounts of the revenue, &c.

A copy of Mr. Horatio Walpole's patent for the place of auditor of the plantations dated in October, 1715, was read.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, agreed the 11th instant, upon a petition in behalf of Edwd. Pennant and Anthony Swymmer, of Jamaica, Esqrs. relating to the escheated estate of Anna Williamina Kupius, in that island, was signed.

The draught of a representation, ordered the 12th instant, to be prepared upon several acts of the islands of Antigua and St. Christophers, being taken into consideration, the said representation was agreed and signed.

A letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the 20th July, 1716, was read; and the acts and publick papers therein referred to, laid before the Board, vizt.

List of papers, &c. sent by Mr. Lowther, with his letter above-mentioned.

Eight acts passed at Barbadoes in July, 1716.

Minutes of Council in Barbadoes from the 3rd August, 1715, to ye 21st March following.

Minutes of Council in Barbadoes from the 21st of March, 1716, to the 22nd of January following.

Minutes of Assembly in Barbadoes from the 22nd of June, 1715, to the 6th of December following.

Minutes of Assembly in Barbadoes from the 26th September, 1715, to the 10th of January, 1716-17.

Particular lists of christenings and burials in each respective parish of ye island of Barbadoes, from 24th April, 1714, to the 24th April, 1715.

Particular lists of the names, number and ages of all the white inhabitants in each respective parish in the island of Barbadoes, Anno 1715.

List of causes determined and depending in the Court of Errors, &c. at Barbadoes from September, 1715, to April, 1716.

List of causes determined and depending in the Court of Chancery at Barbadoes, from Septbr., 1715, to April, 1716.

List of causes determined and depending in the several Courts of Common Pleas at Barbadoes, Anno 1715, to May, 1716.

The Naval Office list at Barbadoes from the 24th September, 1715, to the 24th of March following.

Account of ammunition stores in the fortifications in each division of the island of Barbadoes, in October, 1715.

Then the acts entituled,

An act for defraying the expence of the commissioners appointed for making contracts for timber, &c. for the use and repair of the fortifications.

An act empowering the Treasurer of this island to discharge the arrears due to Mr. Arthur Zouch, late clerk to the General Assembly.

A supplemental act to the act entituled, An act for laying a duty on new negroes and other slaves imported this island.

Plantations General.

Mr. Walpole's patent.

Auditor.

Jamaica.

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Secretary Addison,

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An act empowering the freeholders to choose a vestry.

An act empowering the committee of Publick Accounts to allow the sum of £191 7s. 6d., to the credit of the Honorable Thomas Maycock, Esqr. late Treasurer.

were read, as likewise the former acts therein respectively referred to ; whereupon a progress was made in the consideration thereof.

*Considered.
Act.*

Ordered that the act entituled, An additional act to the act entituled, An act to ascertain the payment of such bills as have been issued pursuant to a late act of this island, entituled, An act to supply the want of cash, and to establish a method of credit for persons having real estates in this island ; with the act therein referred to, be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

Attorney General.

Miscellanies.
*Mr. Basket
summoned.*

Ordered that Mr. Basket, his Majesty's printer, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Friday morning next.

October 17. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, in answer to that writ him by the secretary of this Board, the 9th of August last, for an account of the annual importation of Canary wines, was read.

Trade.
*Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Canary wines
imported.*

New York.
*Act.
William Anderson.*

An act passed at New York, in October, 1712, entituled, An act to enable William Anderson to sell a lot of ground in Queen-street, the estate of the said William, in right of Deborah his wife, deceased, for the payment of debts contracted by his said wife before their inter-marriage, being read, together with Mr. Solicitor General's report thereupon, a representation on the said act was agreed and signed.

*Solicitor General's
report.
Representation.*

Antigua.
*Act
importation
white servants.
Representation.*

An act of Antigua, passed there in July, 1716, entituled, An act for encouraging the importation of white servants to this island, being read ; directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation to his Majesty thereupon.

Jamaica.
*Act.
Trade to
Hispaniola &c.*

Their lordships taking into further consideration the act passed at Jamaica in 1715-16, entituled, An act to prevent all fraudulent trade to Hispaniola and other foreign parts, resolved to respite laying their opinion before his Majesty for the repeal thereof till the Assembly of Jamaica have had an opportunity of passing another act for the purposes this was designed, and not lyable to the exceptions against the present act.

October 18. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Plantations General.
*Mr. Basket
printing plantation
laws.*

Mr. Basket, his Majesty's printer, attending, the copy of Mr. Secretary Addison's letter to him, the 3rd of last month, requiring him to print such plantation laws as he shall receive from this Board for that purpose, was read ; and their lordships having some discourse with Mr. Basket thereupon, gave directions for printing some of the laws of Maryland.

Maryland.
Jamaica.
*Lord A. Hamilton's
memorial.*

Their lordships taking into further consideration the Lord Archibald Hamilton's memorial, relating to the money advanced by him for the subsistence of the soldiers in Jamaica, to the mis-

behaviour of some of the Council, and concerning Mr. Page, Deputy Secretary of that island; directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison thereupon.

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*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

October 23. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The memorials and petitions of several planters, merchants and traders concerned in the island of Jamaica, relating to the disturbance of their trade and commerce, by the Spaniards unjustly and piratically taking and seizing divers sloops and vessels belonging to his Majesty's subjects, and praying such directions as shall be thought fit in order to their obtaining restitution, were read; as likewise Mr. Secretary Addison's reference of the 3rd of last month upon one of them, and an annexed list of vessels taken as aforesaid; whereupon ordered that Mr. Parrot and Mr. Wood, who solicit in this affair, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with such of the said gentlemen as they shall think fit on Friday morning next.

Jamaica.
*Memorials.
Spanish pirates.*

*Mr. Secretary
Addison's reference.*

*Mr. Parrot and Wood
summoned.*

Ordered that Captain Prissick and Mr. Chester be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them tomorrow morning.

St. Christophers.
*Captain Prissick
and Chester summoned.*

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 18th instant, referring to the Board a memorial from Sir Nicholas Lawes, relating to a dormant commission for a Lieut. Governor of Jamaica, was read, together with the said memorial; whereupon ordered that Sir Nicholas Lawes be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him tomorrow morning.

Jamaica.
*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Sir N. Lawes's
memorial.
Dormant commission.
Lieutenant Governor.
Sir Nicholas
summoned.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Lord A. Hamilton's
memorial.*

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, upon the Lord Archibald Hamilton's memorial, mentioned in the minutes of the 27th of last month, and others, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A representation upon some of the acts of Jamaica, mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd instant, was signed.

*Representation.
Acts.*

October 24. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The draught of a letter from the secretary to General Hamilton, Governor of ye Leeward Islands, as ordered the 16th instant, relating to some of the acts of those islands, and to the inhabitants of Anguilla removing to foreign settlements, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Leeward Islands.
*Letter to
General Hamilton.
Acts.
Anguilla.*

Captain Prissick and Mr. Chester attending, as appointed, they acquainted the Board, that they could not conveniently be ready to wait on their lordships, with what they had further to offer in relation to Col. Codrington's petition about some land in the late French part of St. Christophers before Thursday morning next; whereupon they were desired to come at that time accordingly.

St. Christophers.
Prissick and Chester.

Codrington's lands.

Sir Nicholas Lawes attending, as desired, his memorial referred to this Board by Mr. Secretary Addison, and mentioned in yesterday's minutes, relating to a dormant commission for a Lieut. Governor of Jamaica, was again read; and their lordships inquiring of him what inconvenience might accrue by the government of

Jamaica.
*Sir N. Lawes
memorial.
Dormant commission.
Lieutenant Governor.*

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that island devolving on the First Councillor in case of the death or absence of the Governor; he said it might create misunderstandings, which had formerly happened on the like occasions, and that the eldest Councillor did not always happen to be ye fittest person on the island to be Commander in Chief.

Their lordships having some discourse with Sir Nicholas, concerning the act against the trade carried on to Hispaniola, which act the Board acquainted him, was respited till he should pass another act not lyable to several objections mentioned to him against this: he was desired to bring their lordships a memorial of what he had to offer, relating to the said trade, which he promised accordingly.

Sir Nicholas Lawes being retired, ye draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, in answer to his of the 18th instant, upon Sir Nicholas Lawes's forementioned memorial relating to a dormant commission for a Lieut. Governor of Jamaica, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, agreed at the last meeting, upon the Lord Archibald Hamilton's memorial, referred to the Board by Mr. Secretary's letter of the 26th and mentioned in the minutes of the 27th of the last month, was signed.

And the copy of the permit for Mr. Page to go off the island of Jamaica, dated the 25th of February, 1715, being communicated to the Board by Mr. William Cockburn, the same was read, and compared with the copy of Mr. Page's letter to the Lord Archibald Hamilton, annexed to his lordship's memorial; whereupon ordered that a copy of the said permit be sent to Mr. Secretary Addison, with other papers referred to in the letter now signed to him.

October 25. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Onslow, Sir Nicholas Lawes, Mr. Parrott and Mr. Wood attending, with Mr. Fernley and several other merchants, &c. concerned in Jamaica, who have signed the memorials and petitions, mentioned in the minutes of the 23rd instant, relating to the disturbance of their trade from the seizure of their sloops and vessels by the Spaniards, Mr. Fernley acquainted the Board, that they had fresh matter of complaint by the daily increase of their losses, particularly instancing a vessel called the Betty Galley, taken in July last, as they had been informed, by a Spanish man of war, after she had been seized and relinquished by a pirate: whereupon these gentlemen were desired to bring what proof they had of particular losses, and the manner of them, as soon as possible, which was promised accordingly.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, as agreed at the last meeting, upon Sir Nicholas Lawes's memorial relating to a dormant commission for a Lieutenant-Governor of Jamaica, was signed.

A memorial from Mr. Cock, Secretary of Virginia, relating to the laws of that colony, was read, as likewise the laws therein mentioned, relating to Quakers, and to foreign debts; whereupon some directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation to his Majesty, in order to the repeal of those two laws.

*Act.
Trade in Hispaniola.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Dormant commission.
Lieutenant Governor.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Lord A. Hamilton's
memorial.
Money,
subsistence forces.
Mr. Page's permit.*

*Letter to
Lord A. Hamilton.
Mr. Secretary.
Addison.*

*Jamaica.
Mr. Onslow,
Sir N. Lawes
and others.*

Spanish pirates.

Betty-Galley.

*Proof
particular losses.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison,
dormant commission.
Lieutenant Governor.
Virginia.
Mr. Cock's memorial,
Laws.*

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November 6. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

The copy of an Order of Council of the 29th August, upon a representation of this Board of the 31st July, 1717, for confirming an act passed in Barbadoes in December, 1716, entituled, An act to dock the intail limited on a certain plantation situate in the parishes of St. Peter and St. Andrew's in this island, and to enable George Nicholas Esqr. and Susannah his wife, to mortgage or sell ye same, with the negroes thereto belonging, was read.

The copy of an Order of Council, of the 5th September, upon a representation of this Board, of the 29th August, 1717, relating to Mr. Colleton's being appointed a member of the Council of Barbadoes, in the room of Mr. Alleyne, deceased, was read.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 23rd of last month, signifying his Majesty's pleasure, relating to the acceptance of a deed to be executed by the Lords Proprietors of the Bahama Islands, for surrendering to the Crown their right and power of government in and over the said islands, was read.

A letter from Mr. Shelton, Secretary to the Lords Proprietors of the Bahama Islands, dated this day, relating to the said surrender, was read ; whereupon an answer to Mr. Shelton, was prepared and agreed.

The draught of a letter, being ordered to be prepared by the secretary to Mr. Horatio Walpole, Surveyor and Auditor General of his Majesty's revenue in America, for an account of the revenues in each Government, for three years last past, and to have annual accounts thereof for the future ; the said draught was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Two references from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 14th and 22nd of last month, upon the petitions of Anne Low, widow, and John Borland, merchant, relating to a patent for curing of sturgeon in America, were severally read, together with the said petitions ; whereupon ordered that the persons concerned have notice to attend the Board on this day sev'night.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 25th September, 1717, referring to the Board a memorial from Monsr. d' Iberville, the late French minister, relating to the capitulation of the island of Nevis in 1706, was read, together with the said memorial ; whereupon ordered that Col. Daniel Smith, Mr. Nivine, Col. Jory and Mr. Stephen Duport be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them or any other gentleman they may think fit, on this subject, on Friday morning next.

An Order of Council, of the 31st October, 1717, referring to the Board a petition from the Court of Directors of the South Sea Company, against an act of Jamaica, for laying a duty on negroes, was read, together with the said petition and a memorial therein mentioned ; whereupon a letter was directed and immediately writ to Mr. Ury, Secretary to the said Company, desiring to know what proof the said directors have, that the said duty has been demanded and paid for the negroes landed only for refreshment, and what objections the company have to the paying duties on exporting negroes brought in that island, as the inhabitants do,

Barbadoes.
Order of Council.
Act.

George Nicholas.

Order of Council.

Colleton
of the Council.

Bahamas.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Lords proprietors
surrender of govern-
ment.

Letter from
Mr. Shelton.
Answer.

Plantations General.

Letter to
Mr. H. Walpole,
Auditor General.
Accounts of the
revenue.

New England.
Plantations General.
References from
Mr. Secretary
Addison, Low and
Borland,
patent
curing sturgeon.

Nevis.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison,
d' Iberville's memorial
capitulation.
Persons summoned.

Jamaica.
Order of Council.
South Sea company.
Act.
Duty on negroes.
Letter to
Mr. Ury.

Duties.
Negroes landed,

exported.

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Pennsylvania.

*Letter from Mr.
Attorney General
and Solicitor
General.
Report.
Earl of Sutherland's
memorial.
Three lower counties.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

A letter from Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, of the 28th October, 1717, inclosing a copy of their report to his Majesty, upon the Earl of Sutherland's memorial, relating to the right of the Crown to the three lower counties adjoining to Pennsylvania; was read, and likewise the said copy of their report; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison on that subject.

November 7. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

Trade.

*Letter to Mr.
Carkesse and
Mr. Martyn.
Accounts.*

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse, Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, and to Mr. Martyn, Inspector-General, to hasten the dispatch of the several accounts desired by the letters from the secretary of this Board to Mr. Lowndes, of the 4th of February, 3rd of April, and 9th of August last.

Jamaica.

*Letter from
Sir N. Lawes,
trade to Hispaniola,
pirates.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Acts.*

A letter from Sir Nicholas Lawes, appointed Governor of Jamaica, relating to the trade carried on between that island and Hispaniola, and concerning the late proclamation about pirates, was read; whereupon a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, relating to the said trade to Hispaniola, and to the several acts of Jamaica, lately reported, was agreed and signed; and as to that part of Sir Nicholas Lawes's said letter which relates to the proclamation about pirates, directions were given to the secretary, for writing to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, as likewise to Sir Nathl. Lloyd, his Majesty's Advocate General, for their several opinions in that matter.

*Letter to Mr.
Attorney, Mr.
Solicitor and the
Advocate General.*

The draught of a letter, ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Secretary Addison, upon the petition of the Earl of Sutherland, relating to the right of the Crown to the three lower counties adjoining to Pennsylvania, was agreed and signed.

Pennsylvania.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Earl of Sutherland's
petition.
Three lower counties.*

A letter from Captain Passenger, Commodore at Newfoundland, dated the 1st of October, 1717, relating to several irregularities committed there, to the prejudice of the fishery, was read.

Newfoundland.

*Letter from
Captain Passenger.
Irregularities.
Fishery.*

November 8. Present:—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

Nevis.

*Colonel Smith, Jory
and others.
Capitulation.*

Col. Smith, Mr. Nivine, Col. Jory and Mr. Duport attending, as desired, their lordships had some discourse with them, concerning the capitulation of Nevis, when that island was invaded by the French under Monsr. d' Iberville in 1706; wherein these gentlemen said, that the French had burnt several houses as well between the first capitulation and a second, which Monsr. d' Iberville compelled the inhabitants to sign, as after the second; and Col. Smith acquainted the Board, that his house particularly was burnt after the last capitulation was signed; that according to the first capitulation, several of the said inhabitants delivered the negroes they then had, but declared, it was not in their power to bring in such negroes as had fled in arms to the mountains, the said negroes defending themselves against all persons whatsoever; that the negroes fled of their own accord, and were not sent by the inhabitants to retrenchments, as suggested by Monsr. d' Iberville; that the French attempting to seize those negroes, were repulsed by them;

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whereupon Monsr. d' Iberville proposed a new treaty, and sent several of the principal inhabitants on board his ships, where they were ill used, and threatened to be sent prisoners to the Spaniards, unless they would submit to Monsr. d' Iberville's second proposals, to avoid which, they signed the second capitulation abovementioned, though, even after that, many horses were killed, and several negroes taken by the French; that no hostages were delivered on either side, but that the French seized by force four gentlemen, whereof one still remains a prisoner at Martinique; that, contrary to agreement, most of the records and public papers of the island of Nevis, were destroyed by the French, and the magazine burnt; that the officers had not the number of negroes allowed them, as first agreed; and several sugar-works, coppers, stills, &c. which could not be taken away, were destroyed.

In relation to the four persons, who were prisoners at Martinique; these gentlemen said, about £2000 had been remitted for their maintenance, that two of them had made their escapes, one of them died there, and the fourth is still detained by the French; that the force used by the French after the first capitulation, was a departure from the treaty, and that therefore Mr. Erle, the person still detained, as abovesaid, ought to have been set at liberty upon the peace.

These gentlemen being asked what they knew of the invasion of Montserrat, they said, they could give no account of it, but Mr. Duport promised to send to the Board one Mr. Bunyard, who, he thought, knew as much of that matter as any person now in England.

Mr. Basket, his Majesty's printer, attending, the printed volume of New York laws, was delivered to him, in order to a proof of a new impression to be made thereof.

Captain Woodes Rogers attending, presented to their lordships the surrender made by four of the Lords Proprietors of the Bahama Islands, to his Majesty, of the right of government over the said islands; and at the same time he acquainted the Board, that he did not doubt, but the rest of the said Lords Proprietors would sign the same, when they come to town.

Their lordships taking into consideration an act passed at New York in July, 1715, entituled, An act for a supply to be granted to his Majesty for supporting his government in the province of New York, and for striking bills of credit for that purpose; as also an act passed in the said province in September, 1716, entituled, An act to oblige all vessels trading into this colony, except such as are therein excepted, to pay a certain duty, and for the further explanation and rendering more effectual certain clauses in an act of General Assembly of this colony, entituled, An act by which a duty is laid on negroes and other slaves imported into this colony; ordered that copies of the said acts be sent to Mr. Attorney General, as also copy of the act, entituled, An act for levying and paying the several duties therein mentioned, passed in July, 1714, referred to in the first mentioned act, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

*Four prisoners at
Martinique.*

*Invasion at
Montserrat.
Mr. Bunyard.*

New York.
*Mr. Basket,
laws
to be printed.*
Bahamas.
*Captain Rogers.
Lords proprietors
surrender of
government.*

New York.
*Act
for a supply, &c.*

*Act.
duty on vessels,*

*sent to
Attorney General.
Act
for levying duties.*

November 12. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

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Virginia.*Colonel Blakiston.**Commissioners of
Oyer &c.***New England.
Plantations General.***Letter from
Mr. Wachter,
Mrs. Lowe,
patent-curing
surgeon.***Jamaica.****Trade.***Letter from
Mr. Wescomb.
South Sea company,
Act**duty on negroes.***New Hampshire.***Letter from
Mr. Vaughan.**Papers referred to.***Pennsylvania.***Letter from Mr.
Keith, with papers.**Letter from him to
the secretary.***Jamaica.***Diharce and de
Guardia summoned.
Spanish Belandra.**Mr. W. Cockburn.***Leeward Islands.**
*Messrs. Jory, Duport,
Nivine.**Memorial.**Stores of war.**4½ per cent.**Letter to
Mr. Lowndes.
Representations.***Trade.***Wines imported.*

Col. Blakiston attending, with Mr. Micajah Perry, in relation to a difference arisen between Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, and the Council of that colony, about the appointment of Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer there; Col. Blakiston acquainted the Board with the Earl of Orkney's desire of a copy of the letter which he understands, the Council of Virginia have writ upon that subject; whereupon their lordships agreed to consider thereof tomorrow morning.

A letter from Mr. Wachter, of this day, signifying that Mrs Lowe, who petitions for a patent for curing sturgeon in America, cannot attend the Board tomorrow as appointed, but that she will be in town in few days, was read.

A letter from Mr. Wescomb, of the 8th instant, upon what the secretary writ the 6th to Mr. Ury, relating to the South Sea Company's petition against an act of Jamaica, for laying a duty on negroes, was read.

A letter from Mr. Vaughan, late Lieutenant-Governor of New Hampshire, dated the 19th July, 1717, was read, and the papers therein referred to, as undermentioned, were laid before the Board, vizt:—

Lieut. Governor Vaughan's answer to Governor Shute's letter for proclaiming a fast in New Hampshire.

Lieut. Governor Vaughan's speech to the Governor and Council.

A letter from Mr. Keith, Deputy-Governor of Pennsylvania, to the Board, dated 27th June, 1717, was read, as likewise his speech at the opening his commission; his speech to the Assembly of that province; as also, copies of their addresses to his Majesty, and to Mr. Keith, with his answer; all transmitted with his said letter.

A letter from Mr. Keith to the secretary of this Board, dated likewise the 27th of June, 1717, was read.

Ordered that Mr. Diharce and Don Bernardo de Guardia be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them on Friday morning next, on the subject of their petition, relating to a Spanish Belandra condemned in Jamaica.

Further ordered that Mr. William Cockburn be desired to attend at the same time.

November 13. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

Col. Jory and Mr. Duport, agents for the islands of Nevis and St. Christophers, attending, presented to their lordships a memorial from themselves and Mr. Nivine agent for Antigua, relating to the want of stores of war for the Leeward Islands, and to the duty of 4½ per cent., arising in the said islands, which was read; whereupon ordered that a letter be prepared to Mr. Lowndes, to desire him to remind the Lords of the Treasury, of the several representations made by this Board on that subject.

An account of wines imported into England from Christmas, 1712, to Christmas, 1716, being received from the Inspector General of the Customs, the same was read.

Mr. Borland attending, according to appointment, in relation to his petition, mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant, for a patent for the sole curing and importing of sturgeon from North America, their lordships had some discourse with him upon that subject, wherein he said, that several persons had followed the sturgeon-fishery in New England for thirty years past, that one of ye principal places where that fish is taken there, is Newberry; that he had sent a person to New England for catching and curing sturgeon, with whom he has entered into articles, and pays him £100 New England money per annum as salary, besides the said person's being concerned a fourth part in the undertaking; that Mrs. Low, who, he understands, has likewise petitioned for the like patent, is daughter to, and as he apprehends, employed by ye person sent by him to New England, as aforesaid. That he, the said Mr. Borland has entered into articles with four fishmongers in London, for supplying them with sturgeon at certain prices; and Mr. Borland promised, as he was desired, to bring the agreements he has made, as well with the said person he has sent to New England, as the fishmongers here.

A letter from the Council of Virginia to ye Board, dated the 4th of May, 1717, relating to a difference between them and the Lieut. Governor of that colony, chiefly about his joining other persons with them in a commission of Oyer and Terminer, was read; as likewise a representation from Mr. Byrd, upon the same subject, and several clauses of the Charter of Virginia, of the Governor's commissions and instructions, of letters from this Board, and of several acts; whereupon their lordships agreed to proceed further in the consideration of this matter at the first opportunity.

November 14. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Borland attending, as desired, produced to their lordships, a deed of partnership for five years certain between himself and George Wensley, dated the 19th Decbr., 1716, for their carrying on a trade in catching and curing of sturgeon in New England, which was read; and he further produced a contract which he said, he had entered into, for furnishing four fishmongers in London with the said fish; whereupon their lordships agreed to proceed further, in considering Mr. Borlands petition for a patent to cure sturgeon in North America, when they shall hear what Mrs. Low has to offer in support of her petition on the same subject.

Ordered that Mr. Martyn, Inspector-General of his Majesty's Customs, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Monday morning next.

Ordered that Mr. Cock, Secretary of Virginia, and Mr. Byrd be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them tomorrow morning.

The several letters as undermentioned from Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New York, &c. were read; and the papers therein respectively referred to, laid before the Board, vizt.

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New England.
Plantations General.
Mr. Borland.
Patent
curing sturgeon.

Mrs. Low.

Virginia.
Letter from the
Council,
commission of Oyer
and Terminer.
Byrd's representation.

New England.
Plantations General.
Mr. Borland,
curing sturgeon,

patent.
Mrs. Low.

Trade.
Mr. Martyn
summoned.

Virginia.
Mr. Cock and Byrd
summoned.

New York.
Letter and papers
from the governor.

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*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter.**Papers.*

Letter from Brigadier Hunter, to the Board, dated the 30th of April, 1716.

Account of money remitted and raised for building forts at New York.

Copy of the association by ye Governor and inhabitants of New York, the 16th December, 1715, against the Pretender.

Copy of a bill of indictment found at New York against Mr. Clark, merchant, for seditious words.

Copy of a bill of indictment against Mr. Vesey, of New York.

*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter.**Papers.*

Letter from Brigadier Hunter, to ye Board, dated the 2nd of October, 1716.

Mr. Mulford's speech to the Assembly at New York, the 2nd April, 1714.

Copy of a letter from the late Bishop of London, to Mr. David Jamison, minister at New York, acknowledging his service to the church there ; dated at Fulham, the 24th of October, 1710.

Minutes of Council at New York, from the 3rd October, 1715, to ye 22nd August, 1716.

Minutes of Assembly, at New York from ye 5th June, 1716, to ye 1st September, following.

Seven acts passed at New York in 1716.

List of ships entered inwards from 25th March, to 24th June, 1716.

Naval officer's list of ships cleared outward, from the 25th March, to the 24th June, 1716.

*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter.**Papers.*

Letter from Brigadier Hunter to the Board dated the 12th November, 1716.

Account of the revenue of New York, from July, 1715.

The Treasurer's account, from the 1st of July, 1713, to ye 1st of January, 1714-15, on the importation of wine, &c.

List of vessels trading inwards, from ye 24th of June, to ye 29th September, 1716.

List of vessels trading outwards, from ye 24th of June, to ye 29th September, 1716.

*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter,
Papers.*

Letter from Brigadier Hunter to the Board, without date.

The Governor's propositions to the five nations, the 13th of June, 1717.

The Governor's reply to the five nations in Albany, ye 13th June, 1717.

Private conference with ye chiefs of the five nations of Indians, by Brigadier Hunter, ye 13th June, 1717.

The Maguaes, Oneydes, Onondages, Cayouges and Sinekes answer to Brigadier Hunter in Albany, the 17th June, 1717.

The Governor's speech to ye River-Indians in Albany, the 15th June, 1717.

Propositions of the five nations to the Governor, the 15th June, 1717.

Answer of the River-Indians to Brigadr. Hunter's propositions in Albany, the 15th June, 1717.

Brigadier Hunter's proposal to the five nations, relating to Virginia.

Duplicate of a letter from Brigadier Hunter, without date, with a postscript transmitting eleven acts, and minutes of Council.

Minutes of Council at New York, from the 24th August, 1716, to 23rd July, 1717.

Letter from Brigadier Hunter to ye secretary, dated the 13th August, 1717, transmitting naval officers lists, and recommending three new councillors.

List of vessels entered inwards, from 25th December, 1716, to 25th March, 1717.

List of vessels cleared outwards, from 25th December, 1716, to 25th March, 1717.

List of vessels entered inwards from 25th March, 1717, to ye 24th June, following.

List of vessels cleared outwards, from 25th March, 1717, to ye 24th June, following.

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*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter.*

Minutes.

*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter.*

Naval-office lists.

November 15. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The secretary informed the Board, that Mr. Cock, Secretary of Virginia, attended, as desired and had signified to him that the title of the 24th act in the printed book of Virginia laws, page 15, about criminal causes to be tried at the General Court, was sent to him as an act repealed.

He further acquainted their lordships, that Mr. Byrd likewise attended, as desired, and had told him, the acts he referred to, in his representation concerning a court of Oyer and Terminer in Virginia, mentioned in the minutes of ye 13th instant, were only the said 24th act in ye printed book of Virginia laws, the act passed in the Assembly begun in October, 1705, entitled, An act for establishing the General Court, and for regulating and settling the proceeding therein, (2nd Vol. of Laws, 1st part, page 93) and the act passed in 1710, (2nd Vol. of Laws, 2nd part, page 87) to explain part of the act last mentioned; whereupon a progress was made in considering Mr. Byrd's foresaid representation with the letter from the Council of Virginia, about the Governor's joining other persons with them in commissions of Oyer and Terminer; which was likewise read the 13th instant. And their lordships agreed to proceed again in the further consideration thereof to-morrow morning, and ordered that Mr. Byrd be desired to attend.

Mr. Diharce attending, with don Bernardo de Guardia, according to appointment, they were asked what proofs they had to support the allegation in their petition, that they were not admitted to the legal claim which they offered to make at the Court of the Admiralty in Jamaica, and that they could not obtain any answer to the petitions and memorials presented to the Governor, &c. Whereupon they said, they were not now prepared to give their lordships an answer, but promised to do it soon.

Mr. William Cockburn, attending as desired, and being asked what he knew of the proceedings in Jamaica in the affair last mentioned, he referred to the Minutes of Council of that island, whereby, he said, it would appear that the Lord Archibald Hamilton

Virginia.

*Mr. Cock, secretary.
Act.*

*Mr. Byrd,
acts.*

*Commissions of
Oyer &c.*

Jamaica.

*Diharce, de Guardia,
petition,
proofs.*

Mr. W. Cockburn.

Minutes of Council.

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Original commission.

St. Christophers.
Letter from
Mr. Stanhope,
restrictions.

Purchasers.
French lands.
Answer.

Virginia.
Letter from
Colonel Blakiston,
commissions of
Oyer, &c.

New Jersey.
Representation,
new Councillors.

had given several answers to the persons concerned, that his lordship had upon their application appointed a court of delegates to rehear the matter, that monitions had been affixed in publick places, but were torn down by some of the persons supposed to be interested in ye prize; and Mr. Cockburn said, he had seen the original commission for holding the said court of delegates, which he promised to desire of the Lord Archibald Hamilton, might be communicated to the Board.

A letter from Mr. Charles Stanhope to the secretary, dated yesterday, signifying the Lords of the Treasury's desire of an explanation of the 13th article in the restrictions or conditions annexed to the letter from this Board of the 16th of last month, upon the several proposals for purchasing the late French lands in St. Christophers, was read; and an answer thereto agreed, and ordered to be sent by the secretary.

A letter from Col. Blakiston, agent for Virginia, dated this day, desiring a copy of the letter from the Council of Virginia, relating to commissions of Oyer and Terminer, was read; whereupon ordered that he have a copy thereof accordingly.

Upon further consideration of Brigadier Hunter's letter to the secretary, of the 13th August last, ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared, humbly to offer to his Majesty, that the three gentlemen recommended by Brigadr. Hunter in his said letter, be appointed of his Majesty's Council in New Jersey, in the room of those deceased, or unable to attend.

November 16. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Byrd attending, as desired, he presented to their lordships a memorial containing further reasons against the Lieut. Governor of Virginia's joining other persons with the Council of that colony in commissions of Oyer and Terminer, which was read; and after some discourse with Mr. Byrd thereupon; ordered that Mr. Attorney General be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Tuesday morning next, or if that time be inconvenient for him, that he will let their lordships know when he can come to the Board.

Mr. Byrd likewise presented to their lordships a scheme setting forth how the Council of Virginia stand related to one another.

Ordered that Mr. Cock, Secretary of Virginia, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Monday morning next.

Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General's report in answer to several queries sent them with the secretary's letter of the 7th instant, relating to the proclamation about pirates, was read; and directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, to know his Majesty's pleasure concerning the instructions mentioned in the said report as fit to be given to to the Governors of his Majesty's several plantations upon that subject.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, dated yesterday, relating to several accounts to be transmitted to this Board, was read.

Virginia.
Mr. Byrd.
Memorial.

Commissions of
Oyer, &c.
Mr. Attorney
General summoned.

Mr. Byrd,
Council related.

Mr. Cock
summoned.

Plantations General.
Jamaica.

Mr. Attorney and
Solicitor General's
report,
proclamation, pirates.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison,
instructions to the
Governors.

Trade.
Letter from
Mr. Carkesse,
accounts.

November 18. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of the Customs, attending, according to appointment, their lordships desired of him a general account of the balance of trade to all parts for some years past, and as near the present time as he could; whereupon he said, that he hoped in a fortnight's time to furnish their lordships with such an account from the establishment of his office to the year 1715.

A memorial from Mr. Joseph Mickelthwaite, Thomas Reynolds and Anthony Cracherode, patent-officers in Barbadoes, desiring the repeal of some acts of that island, relating to their fees, was read.

The draught of a letter, directed to be prepared the 16th instant, to Mr. Secretary Addison, upon Mr. Attorney and Solicitor General's report, relating to the queries on the proclamation concerning pirates, was agreed and signed.

A letter from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, dated the 20th July, 1717, was read; and the papers therein referred to, as undermentioned, were laid before the Board, vizt.

List of papers transmitted with Mr. Lowther's letter of 20th July, 1717.

Minutes of Council in Barbadoes, from the 21st March, 1716, to the 22nd January following, inclusive.

Minutes of Assembly in Barbadoes, from 26th September, 1715, to 10th January, 1717.

Eight acts passed at Barbadoes, the 31st of May, 30th of October and 18th of December, 1716.

List of christenings and burials in the several parishes of Barbadoes, from ye 24th April, 1715, to the 24th of April following.

Naval Office list of all ships entered and cleared in Barbadoes, from 25th March, 1716, to the 25th June, following.

Naval Office list of all ships entered and cleared in Barbadoes, from 25th June, 1716, to the 29th September following.

Naval Office list of all ships entered and cleared at Barbadoes, from 29th September, 1716, to the 25th December following.

Naval Office list of all ships entered and cleared at Barbadoes, from 25th December, 1716, to the 25th March following.

List of causes determined and depending in the Court of Errors in Barbadoes, from the 17th of April, 1716, to ye 31st July, 1717.

List of causes determined and depending in ye Court of Chancery in Barbadoes, from the 16th of April, 1716, to the 31st July, 1717.

Whereupon their lordships resolved to take the said papers and letter into further consideration at the first opportunity; and in the meantime ordered that an extract thereof relating to commissions for trying pirates, &c. be sent to Mr. Secretary Addison.

The Lord Archibald Hamilton, late Governor of Jamaica, attending, communicated to the Board the original petition and appeal of Don Manuel Arembura and others, to his lordship against Captain Francis Fernando, commander of the sloop Bennett and his mariners

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Trade.

*Inspector General.
Balance of trade.*

Barbadoes.

*Memorial.
J. Mickelthwaite and
others.
Acts.*

Plantations General.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison,
pirates.*

Barbadoes.

*Letter from
Mr. Lowther.*

Papers.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

Jamaica.

*Lord A. Hamilton,
appeal.*

Fernando.

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Sloop Kensington.

and others, concerning the sloop or vessel known by the name of Neustra Senora de Belen, and formerly called the Kensington, taken by the said Fernando, and condemned at Jamaica, as appears by the sentence of a Court of Admiralty in that island, to which his lordship referred.

Commission.

He likewise communicated to the Board the original commission constituting a Court of Delegates for hearing the said appeal.

*Dedimus.**Mr. Thomas Bernard.*

The dedimus empowering Thomas Bernard, Esqr. Chief Justice of the said island to administer the oaths to the other delegates named in the said commission, with Mr. Bernard's return thereupon.

*his return.**Dedimus.*

*William Broderick
and another,
his return.*

As also the dedimus empowering William Broderick and William Needham Esqrs. to administer the oaths to the said Mr. Bernard, another of the said delegates, with Mr. Broderick's return thereupon, which petition, powers, &c. their lordships agreed to consider with the petition and other papers from Don Bernardo de Guardia and Mr. Diharce.

*de Guardia and
Diharce.*

November 19. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Doernique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Leeward Islands.

*Letter from
General Hamilton,
Anguilla.*

A letter from Genl. Hamilton, Governor of ye Leeward Islands, dated the 26th of August last, was read, as likewise a copy of a letter from the Lieut. Governor of Anguilla, therein referred to, relating to the inhabitants of that island removing to Crabb-Island ; whereupon directions were given for preparing an extract of what Genl. Hamilton writes in his said letter, relating to the inhabitants of Anguilla ; and a letter from the secretary to inclose the same to Mr. Stanhope, for the consideration of the Lords of the Treasury, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

*Letter to Mr.
C. Stanhope,
Treasury.*

*Letter from
General Hamilton,
complaints.
Mrs. Assaillie.*

Another letter from Genl. Hamilton, dated ye 3rd September, 1717, relating to some complaints against him by Mrs. Assaillie, &c. was read.

*Jamaica.
Virginia.*

The letters and papers undermentioned from Col. Heywood, Commander in Chief of Jamaica were read, vizt.

*Letter from
Colonel Heywood.*

A letter from Col. Heywood, of the 12th of March, 1716-17, with a postscript of the 10th of May, 1717.

Papers.

Minutes of the Council of Jamaica, from the 6th June, to the 17th July, 1716.

Minutes of the Council of Jamaica, from the 10th November, 1716, to ye 19th February, following.

Two letters.

Two letters from him, of the 6th June and 3rd July, 1717, the latter relating to Bellamy the pirate being cast away.

Letter.

Another letter from him, of the 12th of August, 1717.

Papers.

Copy of a letter from Capt. Beverley of Virginia, to the Governor of Jamaica, dated at Vera Crux the 6th of March, 1716, relating to his being taken prisoner with his vessel and men by a Spanish ship of war.

Copy of a testimonial given by the Lieut. Governor of Virginia to Capt. Beverley upon his voyage to the Bahama Islands, and about the wrecks, &c.

Copy of instructions given by Col. Spotswood to Capt. Harry Beverley, for enquiring into the state of the Bahama Islands, the Spanish wrecks, pirates, &c. dated the 15th June, 1716.

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Copy of additional instructions from the Lieut. Governor of Virginia, to Captain Beverley, relating to a person seized on suspicion of having robbed ye Spaniards.

Copy of Captn. Beverley's affidavit of the built and property of the sloop Virgin.

Copy of a declaration upon oath of several of the men belonging to the sloop Virgin, commanded by Capt. Beverley, relating to that sloop, with her men and cargo being taken by a Spanish man of war.

Mr. Attorney General attending, as desired, their lordships had some discourse with him relating to the difference between the Lieut. Governor of Virginia and the Council of that colony, about the joining other persons with the said Council in commissions of Oyer and Terminer in that colony, after which Mr. Attorney being withdrawn, their lordships agreed the draught of a letter with several queries to be sent to him on that subject, for his opinion thereupon.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison for inclosing to him an extract of that from Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, dated ye 20th of July last, and mentioned in yesterday's minutes, relating to the trying of pirates, and the commanders of his Majesty's ships of war impressing seamen upon extraordinary occasions in America, was agreed and signed; and notice was taken in the said letter, that the abovementioned papers relating to Capt. Beverley, are the same as those transmitted to him the 6th of August last from the Governor of Virginia.

The draught of a commission, ordered the 4th of September last, to be prepared for Captain Woodes Rogers to be Governor of the Bahama Islands, being read, the same was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

November 20. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

An Order of Council, of the 14th instant, referring to the Board the petition of Christopher Stoddard, praying to be re-instated in a plantation lately possessed by him in the Island of St. Christophers, was read; whereupon ordered that the said Stoddard, or those who appear in his behalf, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday morning next; and that Mr. Rowld. Tryon, Mr. Nivine, Mr. Stephen Duport and Col. Jory be desired to attend at the same time.

Mr. Joseph Micklethwaite attending, and desiring their lordships would please to appoint a day for considering the memorial presented by himself, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Cracherode, the 18th instant, relating to some acts of Barbadoes, concerning their fees as patent-officers; their lordships agreed to consider the same on Tuesday morning next.

Their lordships took into further consideration an act passed in Barbadoes, the 7th March, 1715-16, entituled, *A supplemental act to the act entituled, An act for laying a duty on new negroes and other slaves imported this island*, which was again read, as likewise

Virginia.

Mr. Attorney General.

Commissions of Oyer, &c.

Letter to him, with queries.

Barbadoes.

*Letter to Mr. Secretary Addison.
Extract of Mr. Lowther's, trying pirates, impressing seamen.*

Bahamas.

*Commission.
Captain Rogers.*

St. Christophers.

*Order of Council.
Christopher Stoddard's plantation.*

Persons summoned.

Barbadoes.

Mr. J. Micklethwaite,

Acts patent-officers.

Act.

Duty on negroes.

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Jamaica.*Act
Duty on goods, &c.**South Sea Company.***Bahamas.***Instructions.
Captain Rogers.**Commission.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.**Mr. Attorney
General,
surrender.
Lords Proprietors.**Minors.***Trade.****Plantations General.**
Days for business.

the act therein referred to, passed Anno 1705, (Barbadoes written volume of acts, folio 491) whereupon their lordships agreed that the said acts were fit to remain as probationary.

An act passed in Jamaica in November 1716, entituled, *An act to impose duties on several commodities to defray the extraordinary charge of the government, and applying the same to several uses*, was likewise read; whereupon ordered that an abstract be made thereof, to be considered with the complaint of the South Sea Company against it.

The draught of instructions, ordered the 4th of September last, to be prepared for Captain Woodes Rogers for the government of the Bahama Islands, being read, the same was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared for transmitting the draught of Captain Rogers's commission, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, and the foresaid draught of instructions to Mr. Secretary Addison, to be laid before his Majesty.

Further ordered that the secretary transmit to Mr. Attorney General the surrender made by the Lords Proprietors of the Bahama Islands, of their right to the government thereof mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant; and that he acquaint Mr. Attorney, that there being six of the said proprietors, and two of them being minors have not signed the said surrender, the Board desire his opinion whether such a surrender without the hands of all, be valid and effectual.

Their lordships for the better and more easy dispatch of the business in this office, have agreed and appointed Mondays for intervening business, that is, for reading letters, petitions, memorials, and other papers that shall be brought in ye preceding week, in order to appointing of days for ye further consideration of the said papers: further agreed that Tuesdays and Wednesdays be set apart for plantation business. Thursdays for trade and Fridays for the laws of the plantations; and ordered that this regulation be fixed up in the office, for the information of such persons as have business here.

November 21. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Antigua.**St. Christophers.**
*Messrs Nivine,
Duport, Tryon.
Stoddard's petition.***Leeward Islands.**

Mr. Nivine, agent for Antigua, Mr. Duport, agent for St. Christophers, and Mr. Tryon coming to the Board, they acquainted their lordships, that they could not conveniently attend on Monday next, as had been desired, in relation to the petition of Mr. Stoddard, &c. against General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, and therefore took the liberty of waiting now on ye Board; whereupon their lordships appointed these gentlemen to attend again on Wednesday morning next, and ordered that the said Stoddard have likewise notice to attend at the same time. In the interim, their lordships inquiring of Mr. Nivine and Mr. Duport whether the Island of Antigua, or any of the three other principal Leeward Islands, had given no directions concerning proportion to be born by the said islands of the allowance given by Antigua, in lieu of

the Governor's house rent; they said, they had received no orders to move for any allowance or proportion on that account.

Ordered that the draught of an instruction, directed the 4th of September last to be prepared, relating to an allowance for house-rent to the Governor of the Leeward Islands, be laid before the Board on Wednesday morning next.

Ordered that by the next letters to the Governors of his Majesty's respective plantations, they be desired to transmit half-yearly to this Board an account of the several grants they pass, particularizing the conditions, and the persons to whom they are made.

Further ordered that the said Governors be desired to send to this Board annual accounts of the Madera wines imported into their respective governments for three years last past, and that the said accounts be likewise transmitted every six months for the future.

Letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, for inclosing ye draughts of a commission and instructions for Captain Woodes Rogers for the Government of the Bahama Islands, was signed.

The draught of a representation, ordered the 15th instant, to be prepared, for proposing to his Majesty three new Councillors for the province of New Jersey, was agreed and signed.

Then their lordships took into further consideration the petition of the South Sea Company against an act passed at Jamaica, which lays a duty on negroes, mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant, which was read; as likewise a letter from Mr. Wescomb, with the answer of the directors of the said company to the letter writ to Mr. Ury by Order of the Board, upon the subject of the said petition.

A memorial from Sir Nicholas Lawes, appointed Governor of Jamaica, on the same subject was likewise read; and their lordships resolved to proceed in the consideration of this matter at the first opportunity.

November 22. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, in answer to his of the 25th September, (mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant) upon a memorial from Monsr. d' Iberville, the late French Envoy relating to ye capitulation of Nevis, was read, and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

November 23. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their lordships taking into consideration several letters and papers some time since received relating to the province of New Jersey ye letters undermentioned were read, and the papers therein respectively referred to were laid before the Board, vizt.

A letter from Mr. Gordon, a member of the Council of New Jersey, dated the 21st of March, 1712-13, with several certificates relating

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*Governor's house rent.**Instruction.***Plantations General.**
*Governors.**Accounts of grants.**Madera wines
imported.***Bahamas.***Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison,
commission and
instructions.**Captain Rogers.***New Jersey.***Representation.
Three councillors.***Jamaica.****Trade.***South Sea company.**Act**duty on negroes,
letter from
Mr. Wescomb,
directors answer.**Sir Nicholas Lawes's
memorial.***Nevis.***Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison,
d' Iberville's memorial,
capitulation.***New Jersey.***Letters and papers
from the Governor
and others.**Letter from
Mr. Gordon.*

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Colonel Anderson.

to his own and Col. Anderson's characters, which Mr. Henderson had injured.

Certificates.

Certificate from Mr. Innes, relating to the character of Col. John Anderson, recommended to be of the Council of New Jersey.

Certificate from Mr. Watts, of New York relating to the character of Col. John Anderson.

Thomas Gordon,
Esquire.

Certificate of Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Haliday relating to the character of Thomas Gordon, Esqr. a member of the Council of New Jersey.

Certificate of the Revd. Mr. Æneas McKenzie, minister of St. Andrews on Statten Island, in the province of New York, in behalf of Thomas Gordon, Esqr.

Certificate of the Revd. Dr. Innes, minister of Monmouth County, in East New Jersey, relating to the character of Thomas Gordon, Esqr. a member of the Council there.

Letter from
Mr. Morgan.

A letter from Mr. Joseph Morgan, of Monmouth County, in the East Division of New Jersey, of the 5th August, 1714, inclosing a scheme for the improvement of navigation.

Letter from
Brigadier Hunter,

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New Jersey, &c. to the secretary, dated ye 1st May, 1716, with two of the Quakers' speeches at an election in the Jerseys, relating chiefly to Mr. Cox.

another from him.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New Jersey, &c. dated the 30th of April, 1716.

Papers.

Copy of the indictment against ye Chief Justice of the Jerseys.

Copy of the indictment against the President of the Council in the Jerseys.

Minutes of Council at Burlington, December the 22nd, 1715.

Brigadier Hunter's speech to the Assembly of New Jersey, at Perth Amboy, April the 4th, 1716.

And upon the last mentioned letter; ordered that Brigadier Hunter's former observations, with the acts, &c. which he refers to, be looked out to be laid before the Board.

Observations.
Acts.

Miscellanies.

Letters to Board of
Works,
repairs in the office.

Their lordships gave directions for writing to the principal officers of his Majesty's Board of Works, in order to some repairs, which are necessary for preventing damage to the books and papers in the office.

November 25th. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Barbadoes.
James Lowther,
act.

Mr. James Lowther having been acquainted that an *act* passed in Barbadoes in 1716, to *confirm and make more effectual certain deeds or indentures, &c. between Robert Lowther of Meaburn, &c. Katherine Viscountess Lonsdale and James Lowther of Whitehaven, in the County of Cumberland* (the gentlemen first mentioned), &c. is before the Board for their consideration; Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Pelham and Mr. Bladen were pleased to signify that Mr. Lowther said, he supposed himself named only as a trustee, and that he had nothing to offer thereupon.

A trustee.

New England.
Plantations General.
Mrs. Low.
patent-sturgeon.

Ordered that Mr. Wachter, who is concerned for Mrs. Low, a petitioner for a patent to cure sturgeon in North America, be reminded of the Boards desire to speak with her on the subject of her said petition.

A reference from Mr. Secretary Addison, of ye 21st instant, upon the petition of William Cockburn, Esqr. relating to a decree in the Court of Chancery of Jamaica against him, for the profits of the Secretary's office there, whilst he officiated in Mr. Page's, Mr. Congreve's deputy's absence, was read, together with the said petition; and Mr. Cockburn attending, produced to their lordships a copy of the said decree, Mr. Page's original receipt, and other papers; whereupon directions were given for preparing a letter to Mr. Attorney General, to transmit to him a copy of the said petition and other papers, for his opinion whether his Majesty may not fitly direct a rehearing of this cause in Jamaica.

November 26. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Two letters from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New Jersey and New York, both dated the 29th May, 1716, one to the secretary of this Board, the other to the agent of New York, relating to Mr. Cox and others being expelled the Assembly of New Jersey; to Mr. Talbot and the Bishop of London's commissary there, were read.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New Jersey and New York to the Board, dated ye 6th June, 1716, was read; and the papers undermentioned, therein referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt.

Brigadier Hunter's speech to ye Assembly of New Jersey, the 19th May, 1716.

Copy of an address from ye Council and Assembly of New Jersey, to his Majesty upon ye defeat of ye rebels, &c.

Copy of an address from the Assembly of New Jersey, to Brigdr. Hunter, relating to their speaker, whom they expelled.

Minutes of Assembly in New Jersey, from the 4th April, 1716, to the 1st June following.

Minutes of Council in New Jersey, from ye 7th November, 1715, to the 2nd June, 1716.

Brigadier Hunter's speech to the Assembly of New York, June the 5th, 1716.

Copy of an address from the Council and Assembly of New York, to his Majesty, upon the defeat of the rebels, &c.

A memorial from Mr. Phillips, agent for New York, signifying Brigadier Hunter's desire of a dormant warrant for Mr. Harrison to be of the Council of New York upon the first vacancy that shall happen therein, was read.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter to the secretary, dated the 28th of September, 1717, wherein he recommends the said Mr. Harrison, was likewise read; whereupon the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, for inclosing a copy of Mr. Phillips's said memorial, and proposing that Brigadier Hunter have a power in this particular case, for the reasons alledged, to appoint Mr. Harrison to supply the first vacancy in that Council accordingly, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed (Memdum. This letter to Mr. Secretary

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Jamaica.

*Mr. Secretary
Addison's reference.*

*Mr. Cockburn's
petition.*

Profits.

Secretary's office.

Page's receipt, &c.

*Letter to
Attorney General.*

Rehearing.

New Jersey.

New York.

*Letters from the
Governor.*

Mr. Cox.

Mr. Talbot.

*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter.*

Papers.

*Mr. Phillips's
memorial,
dormant commission
Mr. Harrison
of the Council.*

*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter.
Mr. Harrison.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

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Barbadoes.
Micklethwaite and
Cracherode.
Acts.

Attorney General.

Jamaica.
Trade.
South Sea company.
Act.
Duty on negroes.
Sir N. Lawes and
others summoned.

Trade.
Orders of Council,
East India company's
exports.

Leeward Islands.
Nevis.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
d'Iberville's
memorial.
Capitulation.

Addison, was not signed. Vide letter to Brigadier Hunter of 25th Feby., 1717-18).

Mr. Joseph Micklethwaite and Mr. Cracherode attending, as appointed, their memorial, mentioned in the minutes of the 20th instant, was again read, as were likewise the four acts of Barbadoes, whereof they complain, contained in the printed volume, and numbered 41, 42, 108 and 145; and directions were given for sending a copy of their said memorial, with the said acts, to Mr. Attorney Genl. for his opinion thereupon.

Upon consideration of the memorial and other papers from the directors of the South Sea Company against an act of Jamaica, whereby a duty is laid on negroes; ordered that Sir Nicholas Lawes, Mr. Onslow and Col. Long be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them or any other gentlemen they shall think fit to bring with them on Thursday morning next.

Two Orders of Council, dated the 12th of November, 1716, and the 12th instant, the former referring to this Board an account of the East India Company's exports from Michaelmas, 1715, to Michaelmas, 1716, and the latter the like account from Michaelmas, 1716, to Michaelmas, 1717, were severally read; whereupon their lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration at another opportunity.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd instant, in answer to his of the 25th of September, upon a memorial from Monsr. d'Iberville, relating to the capitulation of Nevis, being agreed, was transcribed and signed.

Journal of the proceedings of Her Majesty's Commissioners for promoting the trade of this Kingdom, and for inspecting and improving her plantations in America and elsewhere, from the twenty-seventh of November, 1717, to the thirty-first October, 1718.

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November 27. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

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The following letters from Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New Jersey and New York, relating chiefly to New Jersey, were read ; and the papers therein respectively referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

New Jersey.
*Letters and papers
from the Governor.*

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, to the Secretary, dated the 8th of June, 1711.

*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter.*

Copy of an indictment of Mr. Gordon, Attorney-Genl. of New Jersey.

Another letter from Brigadier Hunter, to the Secretary, dated the 8th of June, 1717.

Another from him.

Minutes of the Council of New Jersey, from the 4th of April, to the 2nd of June, 1716.

Minutes.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter to the Board, dated the 2nd of October, 1716.

*Letter from the
Governor.*

Minutes of Assembly in New Jersey, from the 4th April to 1st June, 1716.

Minutes.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, dated the 13th of February, 17¹⁶₁₇.

Letter.

Address from the Assembly of New Jersey to Brigadier Hunter, with his answer.

Papers.

List of Acts passed in New Jersey, in January, 17¹⁶₁₇.

Copy of a letter from Mr. Cox, of New Jersey, to Mr. Allison.

The examinations and affirmation of John Wills and others, relating to an attempt made by John Wetherill to defraud some Indians in New Jersey of their land.

Certificate relating to some timber taken from the land of one Hartshorn, for building boats for the Canada Expedition in 1711.

Address of the Assembly of New Jersey to Brigadier Hunter.

List of vessels trading from New York, from Christmas, 1714, to Christmas, 1716.

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*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter.
Papers.*

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, dated the 18th of April, 1717.
Minutes of the Council of New Jersey, from the 27th November, 1716, to the 26th of January following.

Minutes of Assembly of New Jersey from the 27th November, 1716, to the 26th of January following.

Sixteen Acts passed at New Jersey the 25th and 26th January, 17¹⁶₁₇.

Letter.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, to the Secretary, dated the 3rd of May, 1717, mentioned in the minutes of this Board, of the 3rd July last.

Another.

Another letter from him to the Secretary, of the 27th May, 1717, with the copy of a minute of the Council of New Jersey, relating to a Petition to His Majesty, containing articles of complaint against the Brigadier.

*Petition and
complaint.*

*Letter from the
Governor.
Papers.*

A letter from Brigadier Hunter to the Secretary, relating to the disorders in New Jersey, without date.

Copies of affirmations relating to the complaint of an Indian king about the fraudulent obtaining a grant of land from him.

Copy of Brigadier Hunter's speech to the Assembly of New Jersey, and of two of their Addresses to him.

Mr. Clerk's certificate, relating to the cutting some sticks for the public service, near Sandy Hook, upon which one Hartshorn has made complaint against Brigadier Hunter.

Copy of Mr. Wilcox's deposition relating to Mr. Talbot.

Clause of an Act of Pennsylvania, relating to the disposal of certain sums of money.

Copy of a letter from Mr. Talbott to Brigadier Hunter.

*Letter from
Mr. Philips.*

A letter from Mr. Philips to the Secretary of this Board, dated the 4th of July, 1717, was read.

*Letter from the
Brigadier.*

Answer to complaints.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter to Mr. Philips, Agent for New York, dated in July, 1717, in answer to the complaints against the former [fo. 105], was read; and the papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Papers.

The petition of several traders, inhabitants and proprietors of New Jersey, in behalf of themselves and many others, &c.

Two papers of proof, referred to in Brigadier Hunter's answer to the complaints against him.

Extracts of the Minutes of the General Assembly of the Jerseys, of the 21st May, 1716.

*St. Christophers.
Mr. Stoddard,
Plantation.*

Mr. Christopher Stoddard attending, together with Mr. William Fenton and Mr. Samuel Lilly, in relation to the said Stoddard's petition [fo. 13], mentioned in the minutes of the 20th instant, praying to be re-instated in a plantation at St. Christophers, whereof he has been lately dispossessed. Mr. Stoddard was asked several questions concerning that matter; whereupon he said, That he had at present no grant of the plantation which he held under Captain Mitchell, mentioned in his said petition, but had been three years in possession thereof, after Captain Mitchell's death, Col. Smith, the Commander in Chief of the Leeward Islands, having, upon application to him for a grant, assured Mr. Stoddard, that he should not be molested till the pleasure of the Crown were known concerning the late French lands :—that he improved and built a Sugar-Work

His case.

on the said plantation, hoping that in consideration of his former services and sufferings, as well as the charge he was at in clearing and improving a plantation, which had not been before cultivated of above twenty years—he might have an equitable right to the said plantation:—that General Hamilton, when he told the petitioner, he had granted the plantation to Mr. Milliken, assured the petitioner, that satisfaction should be made him for the expence he had been at ; but it was so far from it, that Mr. Milliken's agents did in August last, after the petitioner's coming for Great Britain, turn his wife and family out of his house, and by seizing everything on the plantation, have left them destitute of a habitation, or wherewith to subsist, as he was informed by several letters which he produced to the Board, from his friends in St. Christophers ; and he appealed to Mr. Fenton now present, to certify as to his services, and the expences he had been at ; whereupon Mr. Fenton said, Mr. Stoddard was his neighbour in St. Christophers, that he knew him there, both before and since the invasion of St. Christophers in 1706, by the French ; that in 1714, he knew Mr. Stoddard had planted and remained ever since on the plantation formerly of Monsr. Lambert, and had built a boiling-house and mill.

Mr. Stoddard was then desired to attend the Board again on Monday morning next ; and directions were given for acquainting Colonel Smith abovementioned, that their Lordships desire to speak with him at the same time.

Mr. Rowland Tryon, Mr. Nivine, Col. Jory and Mr. Duport attending, they were asked what they knew concerning the case of Mr. Stoddard abovementioned ; whereupon they said, they had no information about it.

Mr. March attending, sent in a letter to their lordships, desiring a copy of the Lord Archibald Hamilton, late Governor of Jamaica's order by his secretary William Cockburn, to Francis Fernando, to pay to Thomas Bendysh one third part of the effects, etc., taken from on board a Spanish sloop ; which letter was read ; whereupon the secretary was directed to ask Mr. March, whether he writ the said letter, (which he afterwards owned, he did) and to deliver him the following message :—

That 'tis conceived in very extraordinary terms, unusual in applications to a Board.

That the Board expected, Mr. March would have given some reasons for his request, and that he would have shewn what right he had to demand the extracts from the minutes of council ; but does not find that he is either agent, solicitor or party concerned in the dispute : wherefore, as the Board are far from discouraging proper applications on business ; yet they cannot think themselves obliged to comply with frivolous requests, urged with so little reason and respect.

November 28. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Sir Nicholas Lawes attending, as desired, as also Mr. Elliston lately arrived from Jamaica, their Lordships had some discourse with them, concerning the duty on negroes in that island [*fo.* 15], com-

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Mr. Fenton.

*Messrs. Tryon,
Nivine, Jory,
Duport.*

Jamaica.
*Mr. March.
Lord A. Hamilton's
order to Fernando,
etc.*

*Message.**Mr. March.**Sir N. Lawes.**Duty on negroes.*

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*South Sea Company.**Sir James Castile.**Assiento.*

plained of by the directors of the South-Sea Company ; whereupon Sir Nicholas said, That upon a conference with several of the said directors, he had already presented to this Board his thoughts on that subject in writing ; he further acquainted the Board, that Sir James Castile, who in King Charles the Second and King James the Second's reigns, had the assiento to himself and Company, always paid the said duty, now complained of ; and that it had at different times been laid by additional Duty Bills for these twenty years. That he paid as well for those negroes that were brought only for refreshment, as others :—that the same duty was paid by the inhabitants of Jamaica themselves, even when they carried negroes to New York, or any other of the plantations belonging to Great Britain :—that this assiento takes away the best negroes from Jamaica to the Spaniards, leaving only the worst for the use of His Majesty's subjects, unless they give as high a price as the Spaniards, which puts Jamaica under inconveniencies in their planting ; and therefore Sir Nicholas said, he hoped, the Board would not think it advisable to deprive that island of this part of the means for supporting the charge of their government :—that if the South Sea Company carried their negroes to any other place, they were welcome, but he believed, they would not find their account in it.

*Colonel Long.**Duty on negroes.*

Col. Long attending likewise, and being asked what he knew concerning the foresaid duty on negroes ; he said, that ever since he can remember, an additional duty bill in Jamaica, as that island had more or less occasion to raise money for their publick charges ; a duty of about twenty shillings per head was laid on all negroes exported to all places, and that even private traders always paid it, though they seldom landed their negroes.

Post Meridiem. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Plantations General.*Naval stores.**Representations.*

Their Lordships taking into consideration several representations made by this Board, relating to the producing of naval stores in the plantations for the use of this kingdom [*fo.* 83] ; the representations of the 5th December, 1709, the 8th of January, 1710, and the 28th of March, 1717, were read.

New York.

*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter,
to Lord Stair ;*

*Hardships,**Palatines ;**Letter to Mr.**Secretary Addison.*

The copy of a letter from Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New York (Bundle Bb. No. 33), to the Earl of Stair, relating to the hardships of his case on account of the poor Palatines, sent to the said Province, as mentioned in the two former of the said representations, was likewise read ; whereupon ordered that the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison be prepared, in order to his laying before His Majesty the importance of giving further encouragement for importing naval stores from His Majesty's plantations into this kingdom, and to represent the sufferings of Brigadier Hunter on account of ye publick.

*Naval stores ;**Brigadier's sufferings.***Antigua.****St. Christophers.***Mr. Vernon.**Report on laws ;**Attorney General**and**Solicitor General.*

The Secretary acquainted the Board, that Mr. Vernon had informed him, that upon reading yesterday in Council their Lordships report of the 16th October, 1717, upon some laws of Antigua and St. Christophers, Mr. Attorney and Solicitor-General [*fo.* 19] had affirmed that they had not given their opinions upon those

laws ; whereupon the said representation was laid aside. Ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared on that subject, to the Right Honble. the Earl of Sunderland.

November 29. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their Lordships took into consideration the Act passed in New Jersey the 11th of March, 1713, entituled, An Act that the solemn affirmation and declaration of the people called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an oath in the usual form, and for qualifying and enabling the said people to serve as jurors, and to execute any office or place of trust or profit within this province ;—and made a progress therein.

December 2. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Stanhope, one of the Secretaries to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in answer to one writ him the 19th of last month, by order of this Board, relating to the poor inhabitants of the Leeward Islands [*fo.* 89] dispersing themselves into other settlements, was read ; and directions given for acquainting General Hamilton with the substance thereof, in the next letter to be prepared from their Lordships to him.

Mr. Christopher Stoddard attending, according to appointment [*fo.* 5, 18], as likewise Col. Daniel Smith and Mr. Fenton, their Lordships had some discourse with them on the subject of Mr. Stoddard's petition, mentioned in the minutes of the 20th and 27th of the last month, relating to the said Stoddard's being dispossessed of a plantation in the late French part of St. Christophers ; and Col. Smith being asked whether, upon Mr. Stoddard's application to him for a new grant of the said plantation, he had promised that the said Stoddard should not be molested in his possession, till the pleasure of the Crown should be known, concerning the said French lands ;—he said, he had told Mr. Stoddard, he would neither make any new grant, nor dispossess him, it being at a time when General Hamilton, His Majesty's Governor in Chief of those islands, was soon expected, and that they had an account the late French lands were shortly to be disposed of. Col. Smith further acquainted their Lordships, that upon the expiration of temporary grants, as this under which Mr. Stoddard had possessed the plantation, mentioned in his petition, new grants were usually given to the possessors for a further term, as having an equitable claim thereto ; but in case of the removal of the last possessor, allowances were generally made for buildings and conveniences erected at the expence of the persons leaving a plantation ;—that he has been informed, Mr. Stoddard has built, and been at considerable charge on the said plantation, but never heard, he had any allowance for the same ; and Mr. Fenton affirmed, that he knew, the said Stoddard had built a mill and other necessities for sugar-works on the said plantation ; that he had his house formerly burnt, and was outed of another plantation some time ago by Col. Parke ; Mr. Fenton

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*Letter to Earl
of Sunderland.*

New Jersey.

Act.

Quakers.

Leeward Islands.

*Letter from
Mr. Stanhope.*

*Poor inhabitants
dispersing.*

Letter to the Governor.

St. Christophers.

*Mr. Stoddard
and others.*

His petition.

Colonel Smith.

Mr. Fenton.

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further added, that he remembered no instance of the change of a grantee for lands in St. Christophers, except one who died, without leaving a wife or any relation there.

Col. Smith, etc., abovementioned, being withdrawn, their Lordships agreed to proceed in the further consideration of Mr. Stoddard's petition at another opportunity.

Jamaica.
Trade.
South Sea Company.

*Duty on negroes ;
what objection ?*

Answer.

Reason of that duty.

*Contract between
Great Britain and
Spain.*

*Sir William
Chapman,
advantages to that
island.*

Mr. Samuel Shephard, Senr. Deputy-Governor, and Sir William Chapman, and Mr. William Astell, Directors of the South Sea Company attending, according to appointment [*fo.* 8, 18], in relation to the duty laid by An Act of Assembly at Jamaica, on negroes, which they complain of ; they were asked what objection they had to the payment of duties for negroes bought in the island, or exchanged there ; to which these gentlemen answered, that there was not so much reason against this, since the island suffers therein, together with the Company, as against laying a duty on such negroes, as come only for refreshment, and to prevent diseases in their ships, it being the same thing as touching only to wood and water, a privilege which even any foreigner may claim in our plantations, or any of His Majesty's dominions. But these gentlemen urged that this imposition on negroes at Jamaica, was the effect of a prejudiced party, led by a gentleman whom the Company, upon his application did not think fit to employ in their service :—that some of that party in Jamaica, upon being informed that application would be made to His Majesty, for his disallowance of the said Act, answered, that before the repeal of it could arrive, they would pass another, and so from time to time. Mr. Shephard and the said Directors were likewise asked, if they had any grant or authority, with which the laying such a duty interfered ; whereupon they said, they had no other authority than the contract which is between the two Crowns of Great Britain and Spain, at the time of making whereof, there was no duty on negroes at Jamaica ; and that they looked upon the duty above-mentioned to be derogatory to that contract.—That though there had formerly been such a duty in that island, yet as they were informed, it had not been laid for eight or nine years, the same having been found inconvenient to the island itself.—They further added, that the Company had already ordered some of their ships to touch at Barbadoes instead of Jamaica, and if the duty continued to be levied at Jamaica, they should be obliged to send all their ships to Barbadoes, or elsewhere : and Sir William Chapman added, that Jamaica might reap many advantages by the Company's ordering their ships to touch there rather than any other place ; which he instanced in the following particulars, vizt. by the expence of the Company's seamen, (whom they pay at Jamaica) and on account of their negroes ; by causing greater numbers of vessels to come thither from His Majesty's plantations on the continent of America, with provisions, for which the Company would occasion a greater demand at Jamaica to refresh and support their negroes ; by those provisions consequently growing cheaper to the inhabitants, from having a greater supply of them, which usually increases upon a certain demand ; by employing several sloops of the island in carrying negroes to the Spaniards ; by more vessels that would return light to Jamaica, and be glad to carry

the product of that island for Great Britain at a cheaper Freight, &c.

Sir William Chapman, then acquainting the Board, that the South Sea Company had advice from some of their factors, of the trade and growing strength of the French on the River Mississippi, and their communication with Mexico; he promised to send their Lordships extracts thereof.

December 3. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Ordered that Don Bernardo de Guardia [*fo.* 29] and Mr. Diharce be desired to bring the proofs they promised the 15th of last month, or what else they may have to offer in relation to their petition as soon as may be.

Their Lordships taking into further consideration the petition and other papers from the South Sea Company [*fos.* 15, 50], complaining of a duty in Jamaica on their negroes, some directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon, as also upon the Act whereby the said duty is laid.

The petition of Mr. Stoddard [*fo.* 13, 21], mentioned in yesterdays minutes, relating to a plantation in St. Christophers, being likewise further considered; ordered that Mr. Cuninghame, a gentleman of that island, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Friday morning next.

The draught of a letter, ordered the 22nd of last month, to be prepared, to the Earl of Sunderland [*fo.* 11] relating to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General's denying they had given any opinion upon the laws of Antigua and St. Christophers, mentioned in the representation of this Board, dated the 16th of October last, was agreed and signed.

December 4. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

The petition of John Plowman [*fo.* 25], of London, fishmonger, and Robert Shard, merchant, praying for a patent for taking and curing sturgeon in His Majesty's dominions in America, &c., being read, with Mr. Secretary Addison's reference thereupon, dated the 22nd of the last month; ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Wachter, who is concerned for Mrs. Low, a petitioner for a like patent, for some answer from her on the subject of her said petition, on Tuesday morning next.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Solicitor General [*fo.* 25] to put him in mind of one writ him the 7th of June last, on the petition of several disbanded officers and soldiers, relating to a tract of land adjoining to Nova Scotia, and to desire his opinion thereupon as soon as possible.

December 5. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their Lordships taking into consideration an Act passed in New Jersey in January, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, entitled, an Act to repeal a former Act of General Assembly of this Province, entitled, an Act for the

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Trade.

*Trade and strength
of the French on
Mississippi;
Mexico.*

Jamaica.

*de Guardia and
Diharce.
Proofs.*

Jamaica.**Trade.**

*South Sea Company.
Duty on negroes.
Representation.*

St. Christophers.

*Mr. Stoddard's
petition.
Mr. Cuninghame
summoned.*

Leeward Islands.**Miscellanies.**

*Letter to the Earl of
Sunderland.
Attorney and
Solicitor General.
denying opinion
on laws.*

Plantations General.

*Plowman's petition.
Patent.
Curing sturgeon;*

*Letter to
Mr. Wachter.*

New England.

*Letter to Mr.
Solicitor General
Disbanded officers
petition.*

New Jersey.
Act.

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*Place for sitting of
Assembly ;
to Mr. Solicitor
General.*

ascertaining the place of the sitting of the representatives to meet in General Assembly :—gave directions for sending the same to Mr. Solicitor-General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

December 6. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

St. Christophers.
*Mr. Cunyngham.
Stoddard's plantation.*

Stoddard's plantation.

Mr. Cunyngham [*fo.* 18, 32] attending, as desired, he was asked what he knew, in relation to the plantation in the late French part of St. Christophers, whereof Mr. Stoddard complains, that his family is dispossessed ; whereupon the said Mr. Cunyngham, first offering to have been sworn, declared to their Lordships, that Captain Mitchell, commander of a man-of-war in the late reign, had a temporary grant of the said plantation from Major Douglas, then Governor in Chief of the Leeward Islands :—that Captain Mitchell, upon a verbal agreement, took Mr. Stoddard into partnership with him and received him into the plantation, before their agreement was reduced into writing :—that Mr. Stoddard having drawn up an agreement in writing, Captain Mitchell found it to be contrary to what he said, was verbally agreed on ; he asked the said Mr. Cunyngham's opinion therein ; whereupon Captain Mitchell drew off his negroes, which were employed in conjunction with those of the said Stoddard, and resolved to turn him off the plantation :—that soon after Captain Mitchell died, and his widow desired Mr. Cunyngham to give Mr. Stoddard notice to leave the plantation, which he the said Mr. Cunyngham accordingly did, tho' the said Stoddard had no regard thereto, but continued to hold the said plantation :—that Mrs. Mitchell designing then for England, made an offer to dispose of her right to the said plantation to Mr. Cunyngham, who did not presently accept the same, but desired Mr. Vanbell, who had formerly possessed the said plantation, might have the refusal of it :—that Mr. Vanbell being accordingly writ to by him the said Mr. Cunyngham, did, on account of his age and infirmities, decline the offer above-mentioned, and upon Mr. Cunyngham's request, resigned to him what interest he had in the said plantation ; whereupon Mr. Cunyngham did himself agree with Mrs. Mitchell, for her right and interest therein, and that of her daughter, as appeared by a written assignment produced to the Board, dated the 26th of April, 1715, in which assignment the said plantation is said to consist of 200 acres :—that he the said Mr. Cunyngham had thereupon possession of Captain Mitchell's grant, but did not disturb Mr. Stoddard :—that upon his application to General Hamilton for a new grant, the said General demanded and took from Mr. Cunyngham the said grant to Mitchell, and has ever since detained it ; but whether the said grant to Mitchell was expired or no, when General Hamilton took it, Mr. Cunyngham said he did not know :—that there were two houses built upon the said plantation, one at the sole charge of Captain Mitchell, and the other between Mitchell and Stoddard ; that no particular part of the plantation had been set aside for Stoddard, who, he believed, had not cultivated above twenty acres :—Mr. Cunyngham further said, that a tenant in possession was looked upon to have an equitable right to a new grant, preferable to another ; and that it was

esteemed injustice to dispossess any person without reason, who was in possession of a plantation :—that as to the plantation in question, Mr. Cunyngham said, he had paid Mrs. Mitchell for her improvements, and was to give her one hundred guineas, if he held the plantation :—and the said Mrs. Mitchell being now in London, he promised to endeavour to bring her to the Board.

Sir William Chapman, [fo. 17, 31] having left at the office an extract of a letter from Mr. Bedell to the Directors of the South Sea Company, dated at Mexico the 21st of September last, relating to the trade and growing strength of the French in those parts, the same was read ; and a letter signed, inclosing a copy thereof to Mr. Secretary Addison.

A letter from Mr. Cumyng, Surveyor of the Customs at Boston in New England, dated the 17th September last, was read ; whereupon ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Carkesse, Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, for an account of all imports and exports to and from New England, for three years last past, according to the returns they have received from the Naval Officers there.

December 9. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Don Bernardo de Guardia and Mr. Diharce, of the 6th instant, promising to wait on the Board on Tuesday next, with the proofs in the allegations of their petition, relating to a Spanish Belandra condemned at Jamaica, was read.

A letter from Mrs. Anne Low, dated the 6th instant, signifying that she quits her pretension to the having a patent [fo. 19, 35] for catching and curing sturgeon in North America, was read ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Plowman and Mr. Shard, who petition for a like patent, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them on Thursday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Solicitor-General to the Secretary, dated the 5th instant, relating to his report [fo. 20, 49] upon the petition of several disbanded soldiers and others for a settlement upon some lands between Nova Scotia and the Province of Main, was read.

The Secretary acquainting the Board, that Mr. Cunyngham signified he had met with Mrs. Mitchell, and that they were both ready to attend in relation to Mr. Stoddard's petition concerning a plantation in St. Christophers, as mentioned in the last minutes ; ordered that they be desired to attend on Thursday morning next.

The Secretary laid before the Board an account of petty expences and incidental charges in their office, from Lady-day, 1717, to Michaelmas following, amounting to 266*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* ; which is as follows ;

Account of petty expences from Lady-day, 1717,			
to Midsummer following, amounting to ..	45	15	9½
The like account, from Midsummer, 1717, to			
Michaelmas following, amounting to	84	19	8½
The Stationer's account, from Lady-day, 1717,			
to Midsummer following, amounting to ..	27	1	0
The like account, from Midsummer, 1717, to			
Michaelmas following, amounting to	38	18	11

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Trade.

*Extract of a letter
from Mexico.*

*French trade and
strength.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

New England.

*Letter from
Mr. Cumyng.
Letter to
Mr. Carkesse.
Accounts.*

Jamaica.

*de Guardia and
Diharce.
Proofs.*

Plantations General.

*Mrs. Low.
Patent
curing sturgeon ;
Plowman and Shard
summoned.*

New England.

*Letter from Mr.
Solicitor General.
Disbanded soldiers
settlement.
St. Christophers.
Stoddard's plantation.
Mr. Cunyngham,
Mrs. Mitchell
summoned.*

Miscellanies.

Petty expences.

Incidental accounts.

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The postman's account, from Lady-day, 1717, to			
Midsummer following, amounting to	18	11	9
The like account, from Midsummer, 1717, to			
Michaelmas following, amounting to	17	4	9
Mr. Clarke's account for wood and coals, amounting to	33	9	5

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*Letter to the
Treasury.*

Whereupon a letter to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of the said accounts, was signed.

December 10. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Bahamas.
*Letter from
Mr. Clayton.
Surrender of
Government.
Lords Proprietors.
Attorney-General's
opinion.*

A letter from Mr. Clayton to the Secretary, dated this day, relating to the deed of surrender [*fo.* 30] of the Government of the Bahama Islands, signed by four of the Lords Proprietors, and transmitted to Mr. Attorney-General, the 21st of last month, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Attorney be acquainted that the Board desire his immediate opinion whether the surrender executed only by four out of six of the said Proprietors, be valid and effectual.

New Jersey.
*Solicitor-General's
report.
Act.
Place for
sitting of Assembly.
Representation.*

Mr. Solicitor-General's report upon an Act [*fo.* 125] passed in New Jersey in 1716-17 entituled, an Act to repeal a former Act of General Assembly of this Province, entituled, an Act for the ascertaining the place of the sitting of the representatives to meet in General Assembly, was read; whereupon ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared to His Majesty, in order to the confirmation of the said Act.

*Acts.
Mr. Solicitor-
General.*

Ordered that the Act undermentioned passed in New Jersey in 1713 and 1716-17, be sent to Mr. Solicitor-General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law, vizt. :—

An Act to lay a duty upon wheat exported out of the Eastern Division of this Province, to any of Her Majesty's Colonies on the Continent of America.

An Act that the solemn affirmation and declaration of the people called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an oath, &c.

An act inforcing the observation of the ordinance for establishing fees within this Province.

An Act for the better inforcing an ordinance of his Excellency, Robert Hunter, Esqr., Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of New Jersey, New York, &c. Entituled, an Ordinance for the further establishing of fees and ferryages.

Jamaica.
*de Guardia and
Diharce,
representation with
proofs.*

Don Bernardo de Guardia [*fo.* 18, 69] and Mr. Diharce attending, presented to the Board a representation, with several annexed papers of proofs to support the allegations of their petition, relating to the capture and condemnation at Jamaica, of the Spanish belandra called the Nostra Signora de Bethleem; whereupon their Lordships resolved to take the same into consideration the first opportunity.

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December 11. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Attorney-General's report [*fo.* 27, 144] in answer to the letters writ him the 21st of November and 10th instant, relating to the surrender of the Government of the Bahama Islands, by four of the Lords Proprietors thereof, was read; whereupon a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, acquainting him with Mr. Attorney's opinion in that matter, and desiring the draughts of a commission and instructions for Captain Rogers, for the government of the said Islands, may be laid before His Majesty, was signed.

The draught of an instruction, ordered the 4th of September last, to be prepared for General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, relating to his allowance for house-rent by Act of the Assembly of Antigua, and against his receiving gifts and presents from the Assemblies of the Islands under his government, being read, the same was agreed and ordered to be transcribed, and a letter directed to be prepared for inclosing the said draught of instruction to Mr. Secretary Addison, for His Majesty's signature.

December 12. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A memorial from Mr. Beresford, one of the agents for Carolina, relating to the progress [*fo.* 24, 103] the French have made in finding out a passage from St. Laurence or Canada River to their new settlement called Louisiana, and down the River Mississippi, in the Bay of Mexico; which they have effected, and have built forts all along that tract of land near 3000 miles, to secure that communication, and to the establishment of the Western Company in France, was read; whereupon directions were given for preparing circular letters to His Majesty's Governors of the Massachusetts Bay, New York and Virginia, in order to transmit to them copies of the said memorial, and to know their opinion what may be proper to be done for preventing the inconveniencies mentioned in the said memorial; and in the mean time, a letter inclosing a copy thereof to Mr. Secretary Addison, for his information, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Keith [*fo.* 92], Deputy-Governor of Pennsylvania, dated the 24th of September last, was read, together with the minutes therewith transmitted, relating to his negotiations with the Indians, which are under the protection of that Government;—Mr. Keith's speech to the Assembly of Pennsylvania, the 20th of August last;—their address to him thereupon; and his answer to the said Address.

Mr. Cunyngham [*fo.* 21, 42] attending, with Mrs. Mitchell, according to appointment, they were asked several questions concerning the plantation in St. Christophers, which Mr. Stoddard complains in his petition, of his being dispossessed of; whereupon Mrs. Mitchell said, that her late husband Captain Mitchell had a grant in 1712, from General Douglas (then Governor in Chief of the Leeward Islands) of the said plantation for three years:—that after two years and more of the said term were expired, Captain Mitchell

Bahamas.
Attorney-General's report.
Lords Proprietors surrender.
Letter to Mr. Secretary Addison.
Commission and instructions,
Captain Rogers.

Leeward Islands.
Instruction.
General Hamilton.
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Letter to Mr. Secretary Addison.

Plantations General.
Carolina.
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French settlement,
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Address; answer.

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verbally agreed with Mr. Stoddard to cultivate the said plantation in partnership :—that the said Stoddard was on the plantation about five months under Captain Mitchell, in which time about ten acres, as Mr. Cunyngham alledged, were cleared, and a house built, as Mr. Cunyngham and Mrs. Mitchell both agreed, for the use of Mr. Stoddard and his family :—they further acquainted the Board, that the clearing of the ground, and building the said habitation for Mr. Stoddard, was done by the joint-labor of the negroes of Captain Mitchell and Mr. Stoddard, they having each of them six negroes employed therein, and that the charge of building the said house, was chiefly by the labour of the said slaves ; most of the materials for such slight buildings being had upon the plantation itself, or adjacent mountains ;—that Stoddard having drawn up an agreement in writing, Captain Mitchell refused signing it, as being contrary to what he said, was verbally agreed on ; and Mrs. Mitchell instanced one particular which her husband alledged to be their bargain, though omitted in the writing drawn by Mr. Stoddard, vizt. :—that the grant being to Captain Mitchell, the said Stoddard was at his sole charge to have furnished all necessary utensils for making sugar, etc., besides an equal number of slaves :—that Captain Mitchell thereupon forbid his slaves working with those of Mr. Stoddard, and warned him off the plantation ; though Mr. Stoddard continued, without taking notice thereof :—that Captain Mitchell died in February, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$, and that the term of his said grant was to expire about November following :—that in May, 1715, Mrs. Mitchell came for England, having assigned all her interest in the foresaid plantation to Mr. Cunyngham, who being asked with Mrs. Mitchell, if any, and what ground was cleared by Stoddard, after Captain Mitchell's slaves were taken away, they said, they could not tell. And Mrs. Mitchell being further asked, if she could attest upon oath the accounts she had given their Lordships in this matter ; she said, she should be ready to do it.

Stoddard's plantation.

Mr. Cunyngham.

Mr. Cunyngham then acquainted the Board, that after General Hamilton's arrival in the Leeward Islands as Captain-General, he applied to him for a new grant of the plantation abovementioned, but that General Hamilton took the old grant from him, and declined renewing it, and soon after granted it to Mr. Milliken. Mr. Cunyngham and Mrs. Mitchell being withdrawn, ordered that Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Cunyngham have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

*and
Mr. Stoddard
summoned.*

Plantations General.

*Mr. Borland,
patent
curing sturgeon.*

Mr. Borland attending in relation to his petition mentioned in the minutes of the 6th November, for a patent [fo. 19, 25, 39] to catch and cure sturgeon in North America ; he was asked, whether he knew Mr. Plowman, (who, with Mr. Shard, petitions for a like patent), whereupon he said, he had been once in company with him, and was jealous the said Mr. Plowman has had a correspondence with one Mr. George Wensley, whom Mr. Borland has sent to New England, and who has now a salary from him for curing of sturgeon ; and he added, (as he had formerly acquainted the Board) that he the said Mr. Borland is now in contract as well with some fishmongers here, as with the said Wensley, (the contract with Wensley being

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dated the 19th December last) from bringing sturgeon from New England to this kingdom, and that his contract for the fishmongers, is for seven years.

Mr. Borland being ordered to withdraw, and Mr. Plowman and Mr. Shard attending, were called in, and desired to acquaint the Board what proofs they had to support the allegations of their petition for a patent to catch and cure sturgeon in North America, which petition was read the 4th instant, and they were asked several other questions ; whereupon they said, they had in September last, received a keg of sturgeon from New England, from one Harris, a person employed by them for catching and curing the said fish ;—that the said Harris is an inhabitant in New England, and resides there ; but went from this kingdom about a year and a half ago, upon his own private affairs, and not by commission from Mr. Plowman ;—and Mr. Plowman said, he some time after sent Harris the receipt for curing the said sturgeon ; Mr. Plowman being then particularly asked if he did not know one Mr. Wensley, who is concerned in taking and curing sturgeon ; Mr. Plowman said, he knew him very well ; and upon further questions concerning Wensley, Mr. Plowman likewise said, that he said Wensley, having the secret of curing and pickling sturgeon, had two or three years ago agreed with him to enter into partnership for catching and curing sturgeon at New England, and bringing the same to Great Britain ;—that one Edwards, (who, he said was now in London) was to have been their factor or agent ;—that the said Plowman and Wensley were to advance 50*l.* a piece for the undertaking ; that Plowman accordingly paid to Edwards and Wensley his 50*l.* and 5*l.* odd money towards Edwards's salary ; but the said Wensley pretending his money was in Holland, the said Plowman parted with them in London, expecting they would have gone for Holland, to get there the 50*l.* Wensley was to pay for his share, and afterwards have taken the first opportunity of going to New England ; but instead of going to Holland, the said Wensley and Edwards went directly for Bristol ;—that at Bristol they bought coppers and utensils necessary for curing the said fish, but continuing there five or six months, they sold the said utensils, and he believed, spent the money ; Mr. Plowman being asked, if he did not know of their being at Bristol, or correspond with them whilst they were there, he said, he did not. Mr. Plowman being asked, whether he knew of Wensley's being now in New England ; Mr. Shard and he said, that they had an account from New England the 15th of June last, that Wensley was not then known to be there ; and Mr. Plowman added, that Wensley's son, whom he lately saw, told him, his father was in England, as Mr. Plowman said, he believed him to be.—Mr. Plowman being particularly asked, if he had the receipt from the said Wensley, for curing sturgeon ; he said, he had it not from Wensley, but from Hamburgh, which, Mr. Shard as well as Mr. Plowman said, had been the greatest part of their expence in this undertaking.—Mr. Shard and Mr. Plowman being further asked, if they had seen any of the sturgeon imported from New England for Mr. Borland's account ; they said, the same ship which brought their sturgeon, had likewise brought some for Mr. Borland, but

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Sturgeon-patent.**Borland and others
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that it was poor fish, and prepared after the old manner, and they thought, would hardly be sold for more than five shillings a keg, if at all :—Mr. Shard and Mr. Plowman added, that the sturgeon, which was sent them, as before mentioned, proved as fat, large and good as any from the East Country, and sold at 24 shillings the keg, which was the best price ; and that they expected fifty kegs of the same sort from New England in the spring.

Mr. Borland.

They being withdrawn, Mr. Borland was called in again, and asked what certainty he had of Mr. Wensley's being now in New England, upon which he promised to bring to their Lordships some of Wensley's letters from thence, and to produce other proofs of Wensley's being in New England ; and Mr. Borland acquainted the Board, that he understood from Mr. Wachter, that Mr. Plowman above-mentioned had got his receipt to cure sturgeon from Wensley ; whereupon their Lordships desired Mr. Borland to attend the Board again on Monday morning next, with the said Mr. Wachter, and to bring at the same time, what letters and proofs he had of Mr. Wensley's being in New England, which Mr. Borland accordingly promised.

Leeward Islands.*Letter to Mr.**Secretary Addison.**Instruction.**Governor's house-rent.**Presents.*

The draught of a letter, directed at the last meeting to be prepared, for transmitting to Mr. Secretary Addison the draught of an instruction for His Majesty's signature, to General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, relating to his allowance for house rent by an Act of Antigua, and against his receiving presents, was agreed and signed.

December 16. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Plantations General.*Mr. Borland.**Wachter.**George Wensley.**Curing sturgeon.**Sturgeon-patent.**Borland's contract.*

Mr. Borland [*fo.* 35, 83] attending, according to appointment, as also Mr. Wachter ; Mr. Borland produced to their Lordships three several letters from Mr. George Wensley, dated at Boston, the 22nd and 27th of May, and 12th of June, 1717, relating to their undertaking to catch and cure sturgeon and other fish on the coast of New England, and sending the same to this kingdom ; which letters were read, as likewise part of two other letters produced by Mr. Borland, from his son, dated also at Boston, one the 25th of September, the other the 16th of October last, relating to a house building for the said Wensley, and his preparations for the fishery ; all which Mr. Borland offered as concurring proofs that Wensley was actually in New England ; and that Mr. Borland his son had lately given credit to Wensley for several necessaries taken up in New England. Mr. Borland also laid before the Board his contract with several fishmongers in London, and directions were given for taking an abstract thereof. Mr. Borland being asked, if he had not yet received from Wensley any proof or sample of what he could perform in New England, and whether others had not likewise the receipt here, for pickling and curing sturgeon as well as Wensley ; he said, that he had not yet received any samples of sturgeon cured by Wensley in New England ; and as to the receipt, he believed, the fishmongers in London might have one, but different from that of Wensley. Mr. Wachter was then asked what he knew concerning Mrs. Low's pretensions to obtain a patent for catching and curing

*Mr. Wachter.**Mrs. Low.*

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sturgeon in New England ; he said, he was a stranger to it, otherwise than as she had informed him ; but he said, he since understood there was a difference between the said Mrs. Low, Mrs. Wensley and the said George Wensley, father of Mrs. Low, and husband to the said Mrs. Wensley ;—that he apprehended there was some underhand management amongst them, which he had not yet discovered :—that Mrs. Low said, she had heard among the fishmongers, that the keg mentioned to be imported by Mr. Plowman from New England, was really made in New England, but sent to Hamburgh, and there filled with fish ;—that Mrs. Wensley told the said Mr. Wachter this morning, that her husband had given Plowman his receipt ; and Mr. Wachter being desired to communicate to the Board what further information and proofs he could get of this matter ; he promised to do it, and to endeavour to bring Mrs. Wensley with him.

Mr. Rogers and Mr. Thomas, two of the fishmongers who have contracted with Mr. Borland, attending, they were called in, and asked what certainty they had of Mr. Wensley's ability and skill in the management of sturgeon : they said, that Wensley was bred a fishmonger, and upon a general complaint some years ago of the badness of sturgeon from the East Country, he had been sent to Hamburgh, to supervise and take care of sending that fish home in better condition. That they had seen sturgeon sent by him much better than formerly ; wherefore they were of opinion Wensley was capable of performing what he had undertaken ; though another person had been sent to Hamburgh since Mr. Wensley, and further improvements made there of late in the curing of sturgeon since Wensley's time. Mr. Wachter and Borland did likewise say, in case Wensley should not behave himself honestly, they had other persons well skilled in curing sturgeon ready to send to New England. And the said fishmongers added, that having seen some sturgeon from New England, though not rightly managed, they judged from the goodness of the fish that with skill it might be had thence in as great perfection as from the Baltic ; and might be disposed of at much easier rates.

*Messrs. Rogers and
Thomas.
Contractors with
Mr. Borland.*

Curing sturgeon.

December 17. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Cunyngham [*fo. 32, 50*] and Mr. Stoddard attending, according to appointment, Mr. Stoddard, in answer to several questions that were asked him, relating to the plantation in St. Christophers, which he complains of being dispossessed of, said, that he drew up the agreement in writing between Captain Mitchell and himself, as the same had been verbally concluded between them, and left it with the Captain for his perusal, but that he never heard the said Captain Mitchell say, he would not sign the said agreement, or had any signification from him of his dislike of it, nor did the Captain send any message to warn him off the plantation, though his widow afterwards did ; on the contrary, Mr. Stoddard said, he believed, Captain Mitchell would have signed the said agreement, had he lived ;—that the Captain was to keep on the said plantation

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Stoddard.
Plantation.*

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*Mr. Stoddard.**Mr. Fenton.**Mr. Cunyngham.**Mr. Stoddard.**Mr. Fenton.**Mr. Stoddard.*

ten negroes, four horses, four cattle, and to be at an equal part of the expence for coppers and other utensils;—that he the said Stoddard was upon the plantation two or three months before Captain Mitchell's death, in which time he built himself a house, and cleared about two acres of ground;—that at first, he the said Stoddard brought ten negroes to the plantation, and afterwards all that he had, being 15 or 16.—That he did not know but some of Captain Mitchell's negroes might be assistant in bringing materials for his building:—that Captain Mitchell had indeed withdrawn his negroes from the plantation, during his illness, which he believed, were few enough to attend him and his family in that condition:—that the grant from General Douglas was expired before Captain Mitchell died, and that the Captain sent him, the said Stoddard, to Col. Smith, then Commander in Chief of the Leeward Islands, with the said grant in order to have it renewed; for the truth of which he appealed to Mr. Fenton, who was called in, and being asked, if he had seen the said grant from General Douglas to Capt. Mitchell, and whether he knew when it expired; he said, that he saw the said grant in the beginning of the year 1715, when Mr. Stoddard applied to Col. Smith, to have it renewed, but that he could not tell when it expired. Mr. Stoddard then alledging that Mr. Cunyngham had the grant in his custody, and he believed, might produce it; Mr. Cunyngham answered, that he carried it to General Hamilton, in order to the obtaining a new grant, but that the General, upon it's being shewn to him, put it up among his papers, and did not return it.—Mr. Cunyngham being asked, whether Captain Mitchell did not send him to acquaint Mr. Stoddard, that he would not sign the agreement as drawn up in writing, and whether the said grant was expired or no, at the time of his putting it into General Hamilton's hands; he said, the widow, not Captain Mitchell, sent him to Stoddard, to warn him off the plantation, but that the Captain had declared to the said Mr. Cunyngham, that he would not sign the written agreement, as Stoddard had drawn it;—that as to the expiration of the grant, Mr. Cunyngham said, he did not know whether the same was expired or no, when he carried it to General Hamilton.—Mr. Stoddard then acquainted their lordships that upon Captain Mitchell's death, he, the said Stoddard, applied to Col. Smith abovementioned, for a new grant, who declined giving any, but told him, he might go on in the Plantation;—and Mr. Fenton likewise said, he had been with Col. Smith, to desire a grant for Stoddard, upon Captain Mitchell's death;—Mr. Stoddard further said, that neither the said Col. Smith, not Lieutenant General Matthew, the succeeding Commander in Chief, ever made any grant of this plantation, though others had applied to them on that account; that indeed Mr. Cunyngham had forbid his continuance upon the plantation, but that he thought Mr. Cunyngham had no right so to do;—and Mr. Fenton likewise said, it was the common opinion in St. Christophers, that the widow Mitchell had no right at all to the plantation; Mr. Stoddard, added that before he came away from the Leeward Islands, he was threatened to be sued;—that Mr. Milliken, who has obtained General Hamilton's grant, took possession by force

of all the plantation, except the 30 acres improved, and has since, by virtue of a sentence in some of the courts there, seized of the said remaining thirty acres, and every thing upon the premises.

The persons abovementioned being withdrawn, ordered that Col. Smith be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Friday morning next.

Col. Codrington attending with Captain Prissick, they desired their Lordships to appoint a day for hearing Col. Codrington by Council on the subject of his petition, mentioned in the minutes of the 4th September last, relating to a plantation in the French part of St. Christophers; whereupon they were acquainted that the Board would appoint a day for that purpose, and acquaint Col. Codrington therewith.

December 18. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Upon consideration of Col. Codrington's desire of being heard by his Council on his petition, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, relating to a plantation [*fo.* 73] in the late French part of St. Christophers; ordered that the Secretary write to Mr. Charles Stanhope, to desire him to move the Lords of the Treasury, that Mr. Crachrode may have directions to attend Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, with such papers as this Board shall furnish him with, in behalf of His Majesty, in this affair.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon several acts passed in Barbadoes, relating to the establishment of fees, mentioned in the memorial of Mr. Micklethwaite, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Crachrode, the Secretary, Provost-Marshall, and Register in Chancery of that island; which with the said Acts were sent to Mr. Attorney-General, the 26th of last month, was read; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation to His Majesty, relating to the said Acts.

Ordered that the Acts passed in Virginia [*fo.* 78] in 1663, entitled, an Act prohibiting the unlawful assembling of Quakers, and an Act concerning foreign debts, be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

December 19. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Col. Spotswood [*fo.* 93], Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, dated the 29th August, 1717, was read, and the papers therein referred to, as undermentioned, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Remarks on the present state of the Treasury-Rights in Virginia, with proposals relating to that part of the revenue there.

Minutes of the Council of Virginia, from the 20th of April, 1716, to the 13th of August, 1717.

Whereupon ordered that an extract of the minutes of the Council, which relate to the appointing a Deputy-Auditor in Virginia, be sent to Mr. Horatio Walpole, for his information,

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*Colonel Smith
summoned.*

*Colonel Codrington.
Captain Prissick.*

*Petition,
Plantation, etc.*

*Colonel Codrington's
petition.*

*French plantation.
Letter to Mr.
Charles Stanhope.*

Barbadoes.
*Attorney-General's
report.
Acts, Fees.
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New England.
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Mr. Hamilton,
Turner, Dummer,
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Trade.
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Monteleone's
memorial.
Trade to the Canaries.

Monsieur Wignacourt, with Mr. Coram and some of the disbanded officers and others [*fo.* 25, 51, 53] who desire a settlement between Nova Scotia and New England, attending; Mr. Solicitor-General's report upon the several claims and pretensions to that country, was read; and Mr. Coram desiring that he may be heard upon that matter as soon as their Lordships conveniently could; ordered that Mr. Hamilton in behalf of Duke Hamilton; Mr. Turner, who appears for Sir Bybye Lake, and Mr. Dummer, Agent for the Massachusetts Bay, have notice to attend the Board tomorrow morning.

The draught of a representation upon the memorial of the Marquis de Monteleone, [*Journal S. fo.* 305; *vide infra fo.* 66], Ambassador from Spain, relating to the commerce between the British dominions and the Canary Islands, was read, and a progress made in the consideration thereof.

December 20. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

St. Christophers.
Colonel Smith.
Stoddard's plantation.

Col. Smith [*fo.* 42, 52], late Lieutenant-Governor of Nevis, attending, as desired, in relation to Mr. Stoddard's plantation at St. Christophers, mentioned in the minutes of the 17th instant; he acquainted the Board, that Mr. Stoddard had once or twice made application to him for a grant of the said plantation, which he declined to give him, but told him, he would not molest him; and that the reason of his refusing to make him the grant he desired, was, because it was probable, part of that plantation might be included in other grants, as it often happens, on which account he was unwilling to do it.

Jamaica.
Letter from
Mr. Wescomb.
Act.
Duty on negroes,
South Sea Company.

A letter from Mr. Wescomb [*fo.* 18, 52], of the 20th instant, inclosing extracts of letters from Jamaica to the South Sea Company, dated the 19th of October last, and the copy of an Act passed there in August last, which lays 40s. per head upon all negroes re-exported from Jamaica by the South Sea Company, though they be only landed there for refreshment, or come within sight of the island;—which said letter, extracts and act were read; and their Lordships agreed to take the same into further consideration to-morrow morning.

New England.
Mr. Hamilton,
Dummer.
Disbanded officers
settlement.

Mr. Hamilton [*fo.* 49, 53], in behalf of the Duchess of Hamilton; and Mr. Dummer, Agent for the Massachusetts Bay, attending, as appointed yesterday, in relation to a settlement of disbanded soldiers between Nova Scotia and New England, their Lordships desired, they would prepare themselves to make good their respective claims in bar of that settlement, against a day to be appointed after the holidays, of which they should have due notice; which they promised to do accordingly.

Mr. Coram.

Remarks on
Solicitor-General's
report.

Mr. Coram attending on the same subject, was informed what the Board had desired from Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Dummer above-mentioned; at the same time, he presented to their lordships a memorial, with his remarks on Mr. Solicitor-General's report upon the several claims and pretensions to that country, mentioned in yesterday's minutes.

Barbadoes.
Memorial.
Mr. Micklethwait

A memorial from Mr. Joseph Micklethwaite, Mr. Crachrode and Mr. Reynolds, praying leave to withdraw their former memorial

mentioned in the minutes of the 18th November last, against some laws of Barbadoes, with respect to their several offices there; was read, which their Lordships resolved to consider at another opportunity.

December 21. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Upon further consideration of the letter and papers from Mr. Wescomb [*fo.* 50, 58], mentioned in yesterday's minutes, the draught of a representation upon the petition of the Directors of the South Sea Company, referred to this Board by His Majesty's Order in Council, of the 31st October last, relating to a duty laid by Act of Assembly at Jamaica, on negroes exported, was agreed and signed.

Some directions were then given for preparing the draught of a representation upon Mr. Stoddard's petition [*fo.* 50, 81], relating to a plantation in St. Christophers, mentioned likewise in yesterday's minutes.

December 31. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Bladen.

Ordered that Mr. Coram [*fo.* 49, 51, 61] be acquainted that the Board have appointed to-morrow sevensnight for hearing what the disbanded officers and soldiers, and others have to offer in support of their petition for a settlement near Nova Scotia; and that Mr. Hamilton, who appears for Duke Hamilton, Mr. Dummer, Agent for the province of the Massachusetts Bay, and Mr. Turner, who appears in behalf of Sir Biby Lake, be likewise acquainted that their Lordships will be ready at the same time to hear what they may have severally to offer against the said settlement.

Mr. Attorney-General's report [*fo.* 93, 99] upon several queries sent him the 19th of November last, relating to the appointing Commissrs. of Oyer and Terminer in Virginia, was read; whereupon ordered that a copy of the said report be sent with the next letter to Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of that Colony.

A letter from Mr. Burchett [*fo.* 57], of the 27th instant, relating to a complaint made to the Lords of the Admiralty by Mr. Nicholas Coleman, that the present Governor of Jamaica hath taken from him the keys of His Majesty's naval store house there, was read, as likewise the papers inclosed; whereupon ordered that Sir Nicholas Lawes be desired to acquaint the Board what he knows of that matter.

January 2. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Attorney-General's report upon an Act of Barbadoes passed in July, 1716, entituled, *an additional act to the Act entituled, an Act to ascertain the payment of such bills as have been issued pursuant to a late Act of this Island, entituled, an Act to supply the want of cash and to establish a method of credit for persons having real estates in this Island*; was read; whereupon their Lordships agreed that the said additional Act should lie by as probationary.

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Jamaica.
Letter and papers.
Mr. Wescomb.

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Jamaica.
Letter from
Colonel Heywood.

A letter from Col. Heywood, Commander in Chief of Jamaica, dated the 11th of October last, was read ; and the minutes of Council and Assembly, as likewise the Acts of that island, transmitted with the said letter, were laid before the Board, as under-mentioned, vizt. :—

Papers.

Minutes of the Council in Assembly, from the 7th to the 31st August, 1717.

Minutes of Assembly, from the 7th September, 1716, to 7th August, 1717.

An Act for continuing an Act, entitled, an Act to impose duties on several commodities, to defray the extraordinary charges of the Government, and applying the same to several uses.

An Act for the repairing, preserving and maintaining the wall of Port Royal, being now made use of as part of His Majesty's fortifications.

An Act for the relief of widows and orphans [*fo.* 59], in relation to deficiencies.

An Act for the more effectual punishing of crimes committed by slaves.

Sir N. Lawes.

And directions were given for shewing the said Acts to Sir Nicholas Lawes, to hear what he may have to offer upon any of them before his departure for Jamaica.

January 3. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Moleworth, Mr. Bladen.

Jamaica.

Sir Nicholas Lawes attending, their Lordships had some discourse with him concerning the Acts of Jamaica, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, and upon the Act, entitled, an Act for the repairing [*fo.* 59], preserving and maintaining the wall of Port Royal, being now made use of as part of His Majesty's fortifications, Sir Nicholas observed, that if the said wall were not any part of the fortifications, before the passing the said Act, it was a lessening the fund appropriated by the Revenue Act for the fortifications.

Store-house.
Mr. Burchett's letter.

In relation to the store-house [*fo.* 54, 65], mentioned in Mr. Burchett's letter, which was read the 31st past, Sir Nicholas said, that in the plan of Kingston, annexed to an Act of Jamaica, relating to that town, three lots were set out for a store-house, for the use of the Crown, and a store-house accordingly built by the then Governor, Sir William Beeston, at the publick charge of the island, where other stores, as well as those for His Majesty's ships, were kept ; and Sir Nicholas declared his opinion, that the Governor was the fittest person to have the key of such store-house, especially since there was no complaint of the Governor's refusing it to the officers of the Navy, when they had occasion for it ; and he added, that this and other disputes naturally arise from the Governors of His Majesty's plantations having so little authority over the commanders of His Majesty's ships.

Answer to
Mr. Burchett.

Their Lordships then gave directions for preparing an answer to Mr. Burchett's letter aforementioned.

Act.

The Act [*fos.* 52, 69, 82] of Jamaica, mentioned likewise in yesterday's minutes, entitled, an Act for continuing an Act to impose

duties, &c., whereby a duty of 40 shillings per head is laid on all negroes exported from that island, was taken into consideration, and a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, was signed, relating to the objections against the said Act.

January 7. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Bladen.

Upon further consideration of the Act passed in Jamaica [*fo.* 57] in August, 1717, entituled, an Act for the repairing, preserving, and maintaining the wall of Port Royal being now made use of as part of His Majesty's fortifications, which was mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd instant; their Lordships gave directions for writing to Sir Nicholas Lawes [*fo.* 65], on that and other matters relating to Jamaica.

Ordered that the two Acts passed likewise in Jamaica in August, 1717, entituled, an Act for the relief [*fo.* 57, 82] of widows and orphans, in relation to deficiencies; and an Act for the more effectual punishing of crimes committed by slaves, be sent to Mr. Attorney-General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison [*fo.* 156], of the 6th instant, transmitting to the Board several papers received from Mr. Worsley, His Majesty's envoy in Portugal, and one from Mr. Hayes, a Portugal merchant, relating to Mr. la Roche's refusing to accept the office of Treasurer of the English Factory at Lisbon, was read; and the said papers laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Extract of a letter from Mr. Worsley, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Portugal, to Mr. Secretary Addison, dated the 14th November, N.S., 1717.

Representation of the Consul and Factory of Lisbon to Mr. Worsley, against Mr. la Roche, dated at Lisbon November the 12th, N.S., 1717.

Reasons offered by Mr. la Roche, for not serving as Treasurer to the British Factory at Lisbon.

Copy of an abstract of two letters from Mr. Consul Poyntz at Lisbon to Mr. la Roche.

Copy of a letter from Mr. la Roche to Consul Poyntz, dated at Lisbon November the 9th, 1717.

Mr. la Roche's reasons for not accepting the office of Treasurer to the Factory at Lisbon.

Whereupon the two first of the said papers were likewise read, and their Lordships resolved to take that matter into further consideration at the first opportunity.

In the mean time ordered that the Secretary endeavour to procure a copy of the patent to the present Consul at Lisbon.

January 8. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Dummer [*fo.* 53, 65], Agent for the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, attending, in relation to the settlement which Mr. Coram and several disbanded officers and soldiers propose to make between Nova Scotia and New England; and the said Mr. Dummer

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Duty on negroes.

*Letter to Earl of
Sunderland.*

Jamaica.

Act.

Port Royal wall.

*Letter to
Sir N. Lawes.*

Acts.

Relief of widows.

*Punishing slaves,
to Attorney-General.*

Trade.

*Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Worsley's papers.
la Roche.
Treasurer of the
Factory.*

Papers referred to.

Patent.

Consul at Lisbon.

New England.

*Mr. Dummer.
Coram's settlement.*

Mr. Dummer.

1717—18.

*Objections.**Mr. Turner.*
Sir B. Lake.

being asked whether he had any thing further to offer concerning that affair, he said, he had lately received letters from New England thereupon, and promised to lay before their Lordships in a few days, a memorial of several objections against the said settlement.

Mr. Turner likewise attending, in behalf of Sir Biby Lake, he was asked the same question as Mr. Dummer ; whereupon he said, that unless Mr. Solicitor-General, before whom he had produced some deeds and other proofs to support the title of Sir Biby Lake, to part of the land within the limits abovementioned, had reported any thing against the interest of Sir Biby, he had nothing further to offer ; but in the mean time desired to see such part of Mr. Solicitor's report as relates to him, which was accordingly shewn him.

*Mr. Coram and
others.*

Mr. Coram attending, as likewise the Marquis de Wignacourt, and other French Protestants, as also some of the disbanded officers and soldiers, who desire to make a settlement between Nova Scotia and New England, as abovementioned.

*Sir Charles Wager
and others.*

And their Lordships being informed that Sir Charles Wager, Mr. Acworth and Mr. Swanton, Commissioners of the Navy, as also Mr. Samuel Shepheard Senr., Sir William Chapman, Mr. Robert Chester, and other merchants, appeared in favour of the said settlement, they were all desired to walk in, whereupon the amended plan for a settlement between New England and Nova Scotia by the said Mr. Coram, the Marquis de Wignacourt and others, which was mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd May last, was read ; and, after some discourse at the Board, wherein the gentlemen of the Navy and merchants, &c., above-named said, they came only to represent their opinion that such a settlement might be of advantage to this kingdom, particularly on account of furnishing His Majesty's Navy with stores of several sorts ;—Mr. Coram was asked whether the said amended plan was what he and the other persons concerned with him, would abide by, to which he answered, it was ; but upon some objections as to some part of the scheme of government therein laid down, he said, it was what had occurred to him as the most proper, but that he submitted the establishment of the government to His Majesty ;—being then asked what number of people he thought would go to America on this account, and what security he could give that they would go, if His Majesty were graciously pleased to grant what he proposed, he said, he believed, 1200 families would transport themselves ; and the Marquis de Wignacourt said, he would answer for 500 persons.

Mr. Coram.

Mr. Coram insisted that the several claims under Indian deeds were invalid ; but as to the present claimers, he said, he was willing they should enjoy as much of the land as they had settled, paying to His Majesty the same quit-rent as the intended new settlers, which if they did not pay, he declared, he would not pursue the undertaking.

Private titles.

Mr. Coram, and the said persons concerned with him, were then acquainted that it was incumbent on them to have the several private titles which have been set up to part of the lands they desire, discussed and determined, and to consider whether they would engage in the settlement upon such right as is in His Majesty's power to grant, and that as to the naturalization of foreigners,

Naturalization.

mentioned in the plan, the laws of this kingdom were already as much in their favour as they could expect.

The gentlemen and others, above-mentioned, being retired, their Lordships gave some directions for preparing the draught of a representation relating to the said settlement.

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Representation.

January 9. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Upon further consideration of Mr. Solicitor-General's report [fo. 61, 66, 67] upon the petition of Mr. Coram and several disbanded officers and soldiers for a settlement on some lands between Nova Scotia and New England; ordered that Mr. Solicitor-General be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him to-morrow morning.

The draught of a letter to Sir Nicholas Lawes [fo. 59], appointed His Majesty's Governor of Jamaica, directed to be prepared the 7th instant, was agreed and signed.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Burchett [fo. 57], ordered the 3rd instant to be prepared, in answer to his of the 27th of last month, relating to His Majesty's store-house at Kingston in Jamaica, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Mr. Hamilton [fo. 61, 67] attending, in behalf of the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton, and being asked whether he had any thing further to offer concerning the land claimed by His Grace between Nova Scotia and New England, and the intended settlement in those parts by Mr. Coram and several disbanded officers and soldiers; he said, that the Duke's deeds relating to the said land were not found, but that abstracts thereof from Mr. Blathwayt's books had been laid before Mr. Solicitor-General, to which he had at present nothing further to add.

Their Lordships then made a further progress in considering the draught of a representation upon the memorial [fo. 49, 68] of the Marquis de Monteleone, Ambassador from Spain, relating to the trade between the Canary Islands and His Majesty's dominions.

Ordered that the Secretary write to Mr. Martyn [fo. 66], to know how soon he can be ready with the general account of imports and exports, which he is preparing for this Board.

A letter to His Grace the Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, about repairing this Office, and the building a new room, was signed.

New England.
Solicitor General's report.
Coram's petition.
Mr. Solicitor summoned.

Jamaica.
Letter to Sir N. Lawes.

Letter to Mr. Burchett.
Store-house.

New England.
Mr. Hamilton, for Duke of Hamilton.
Land claimed.
Coram's settlement.
Deeds.

Trade.
Representation.
Monteleone's memorial.
Canary Islands.
Letter to Mr. Martyn.
General account.
Imports and exports.
Miscellanies.
Letter to Lord Chamberlain.
Repairs.
New Room.

January 10. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Bladen.

Their Lordships taking into further consideration Mr. Solicitor-General's report [fo. 66, 102], mentioned in the minutes of the 19th of last month, upon several claims and pretensions to the land between Nova Scotia and New England, upon which Mr. Coram and several disbanded officers and soldiers, and others desire a settlement; and Mr. Solicitor-General coming to the Board, as he had been desired, in relation to that affair, several clauses of the

New England.
Solicitor-General's report.
Claims to land.
Coram's settlement.

Mr. Solicitor.

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Charter.

printed charter of the Massachusetts Bay were read; whereupon their Lordships had some discourse with Mr. Solicitor, and gave directions for sending to him the said charter, for his reconsideration and opinion, in respect to the said lands.

Mr. Coram.

Mr. Coram attending, and being called in, was acquainted with the reference above-mentioned to Mr. Solicitor-General, that he may wait on him with what he has to offer thereupon.

Trade.
Representation.
Monteleone's
memorial.
Canary Islands.

Their Lordships made a further progress in considering the draught [*fo.* 66, 70] of a representation upon the memorial of ye Marquis de Monteleone, Ambassador from Spain, relating to the trade between the Canary Islands and His Majesty's dominions.

January 13. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Inspector-General.

Mr. Martyn [*fo.* 66, 72], Inspector-General of the Customs, attending, presented to the Board an account shewing the total amount or value of all goods and merchandizes imported and exported, into and out of this kingdom, to and from what foreign countries, with the excess arising thereon in seventeen distinct years, from Christmas 1698, to Christmas 1715; as also an account of the total value of foreign coin and bullion exported from this kingdom, and to what foreign countries, for the same time; and promised to dispatch the other accounts desired of him, as soon as possible.

Imports and exports.

Coin and bullion.

Jamaica.
Representation from
Don de Guardia and
Diharce;
Spanish belandra.
Papers.

A representation from Don Bernardo de Guardia [*fo.* 29, 71] and Mr. Diharce, dated the 10th of last month, relating to the Spanish belandra, condemned at Jamaica, and several of the papers thereto annexed, were read; and their Lordships resolved to proceed in the further consideration of that matter at the first opportunity.

January 14. Present:—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Order of Council.
Representation.
Act.

The copy of an Order of Council [*fo.* 58, 82], of the 9th instant, upon a representation of the 21st of last month, for repealing an Act passed at Jamaica the 31st of August, 1717, entituled, an Act for continuing an Act to impose duties on several commodities, to defray the extraordinary charges of the said Government, and applying the same to several uses, was read.

Trade.
Ireland.
Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Transportation of
wool.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, dated the 10th instant, with one to the Commissioners of the Customs, relating to the transportation of Wool [*fo.* 111] from Ireland to France, and other illegal trade, were read; and their Lordships resolved to consider the same at another opportunity.

Trade.
Letter to Mr. Mead.
Price of
Canary wines.

Ordered that the Secretary write to Mr. John Mead [*fo.* 68, 72], to desire him to inform the Board as soon as conveniently may be, in relation to the price of Canary wines before the Revolution, during the peace concluded at Ryswick, and the present price of them; as likewise what extraordinary duty was paid there, on our goods and manufactures, during the last war, over and above what was paid either before or since.

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January 15. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doernique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Bladen.

The petition of Don Bernardo de Guardia [*fo.* 69, 99] and Mr. Diharce, relating to a Spanish belandra, seized and condemned at Jamaica ; and the several papers annexed to it, with Mr. Secretary Addison's letter, mentioned in the minutes of the 19th June last, were again read ; whereupon their Lordships made a progress in considering the draught of a representation to His Majesty, relating to that matter.

Jamaica.
Petition
de Guardia and
Diharce,
Spanish belandra.
Mr. Secretary
Addison's letter.
Representation.

January 16. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. John Mead [*fo.* 70, 80], in answer to one writ him the 14th instant, relating to the price of Canary-wines, and the duties laid there on our goods and manufactures, was read ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Mead be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him, and any other gentlemen concerned in that trade, whom he shall think fit, on Wednesday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Martyn [*fo.* 68], Inspector-General of the Customs, dated this day, relating to the species and quantities of goods imported from the Canaries, from 1699 to 1716, inclusive, was read.

Trade.
Letter from
Mr. Mead.
Canary wines.
Mr. Mead and others
summoned.

Letter from
Inspector-General.
Imports.
Canaries.

January 17. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doernique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes, dated this day, requiring the copy of a representation made by this Board touching the exportation of silver [*fo.* 76], and the balance of trade, since His Majesty's accession to the Throne, to be laid before the House of Lords, was read ; whereupon an answer from the Secretary to Mr. Lowndes's said letter, was immediately prepared, agreed and ordered to be sent.

A letter from Col. Codrington [*fo.* 47, 217], dated yesterday, desiring a short day may be appointed for a hearing of him by council in relation to some land which he claims in the late French part of St. Christophers, was read ; whereupon ordered that enquiry be made whether Mr. Cracherode, the Solicitor of the Treasury, have received any directions upon the letter which was writ to Mr. Stanhope, the 18th of last month, concerning that affair.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of the 13th instant, referring to the Board a petition from Lieutenant-Colonel Purcell, to His Majesty, to succeed the Governor of Antigua, was read, together with the said petition ; and Col. Purcell attending, was called in, and desired to acquaint their Lordships what information he had of the Lieut. Governor of Antigua's being intended to be dismissed from that employment ; to which Col. Purcell answered, that what he prayed of His Majesty, was the Government in Chief of all the Leeward Islands, and that the mention of Antigua only, was a mistake in translating his petition into French ; he thereupon desired that no final resolution might be taken upon his said petition, till he had an opportunity to rectify that mistake ; but being further likewise asked how he knew, General Hamilton, at present Commander in Chief of the Leeward Islands, was to be displaced from

Letter from
Mr. Lowndes.
Representation.
Exportation of silver.
Balance of trade.
House of Lords ;
Answer.

St. Christophers.
Letter from
Colonel Codrington.
Hearing
Land he claims.
Mr. Cracherode.

Letter to
Mr. Stanhope.

Antigua.
Letter from the Earl
of Sunderland.
Colonel Purcell's
petition.
Governor.

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*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.*

Trade.
*Letter to
Mr. Carkesse.
Prohibited
East India goods
exported.*

Orders of Council.

*East-India company's
exports.*

that trust ; he said, there would soon be proofs produced; of the said Mr. Hamilton's disaffection to His Majesty's person and government.

Col. Purcell being withdrawn, their Lordships gave some directions for preparing the draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, upon his petition abovementioned.

Ordered that the Secretary write to Mr. Carkesse, desiring him to move the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, that this Board may have, as soon as conveniently may be, an account of the exports of prohibited East-India goods [*fo.* 79] from this kingdom to Ireland, Guernsey and Jersey, and to His Majesty's plantations in America, since the peace concluded at Utrecht.

Their Lordships taking again into consideration the two Orders of Council, mentioned in the minutes of the 26th November last, with the accounts therein referred to, of the East-India Company's exports from Michaelmas, 1715 to Michaelmas, 1717 ; ordered that a state be made of the said accounts, in like manner as that inserted in the representation of this Board, dated the 15th of September, 1715.

January 20. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Trade.
*Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Commons address ;
Bullion exported.*

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, dated yesterday, and another from Mr. Secretary Addison, of this day's date, each inclosing a copy of the Address from the House of Commons to His Majesty, relating to an account of bullion exported [*fo.* 73], were read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing a copy of the account required, in order to be laid before the House accordingly.

Jamaica.
*Attorney-General's
report.
Mr. Cockburn's
petition.
Profits.
Secretary's office.*

Mr. Attorney-General's report, in answer to the letter writ him by the Secretary, the 27th of November last, upon the petition of Mr. William Cockburn [*fo.* 82], relating to a decree against him in Jamaica, on account of the profits of the Secretary's Office in that island, whilst the same was officiated by the said Mr. Cockburn, was read ; and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation upon the said petition.

Representation.
Antigua.
*Letter to the
Earl of Sunderland.
Colonel Purcell's
petition.*

The draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, in answer to his Lordships' of the 13th, mentioned in the minutes of the 17th instant, upon Col. Purcell's petition for the Government of Antigua, was agreed and signed.

January 21. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Trade.
*Letter from the
Earl of Sunderland.
Lords address.
Representation.
Exportation of silver.
Balance of trade.
Answer.*

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, signifying His Majesty's pleasure upon an Address of the House of Peers, for a copy of the representation made by this Board, touching the exportation of silver, and the balance of trade since His Majesty's accession to the Throne, to be laid before that House, was read ; whereupon an answer to the Earl of Sunderland's said letter, was agreed and signed.

Mr. Solicitor-General's report [fo. 47, 98], in answer to the letter writ him the 10th of last month, for his opinion upon three Acts therein mentioned, passed in His Majesty's Province of New Jersey, in 1713, and upon another Act passed in the same province in 171⁶₇, was read; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation to His Majesty, in order to His Royal Confirmation of one of the said three Acts passed in 1713, entitled, an Act that the solemn affirmation and declaration of the people called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an oath: and as to the other Acts, on which Mr. Solicitor has given his opinion in the said report, their Lordships agreed to let that relating to *a duty on wheat exported out of the Eastern Division*, lye by as probationary, and further to consider the other two relating to Fees and Ferriages, at the first opportunity.

Mr. Attorney-General's report [fo. 47, 83], in answer to the letter writ him the 18th of last month, for his opinion upon two Acts passed in Virginia in 1663, relating to QUAKERS AND FOREIGN DEBTS, was read; whereupon ordered that the draught of a representation be prepared to His Majesty, in order to the repeal of the said Act concerning FOREIGN DEBTS, and upon the Act relating to QUAKERS; ordered that Mr. Joshua Gee be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him at ten of the clock on Friday morning next.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [fo. 201], of the 24th of last month, with the observations of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, upon the Act passed in Antigua, in June, 1716, relating to the importation of French and other foreign sugars, rum, etc., and about collecting the duties of 4¹/₂ per cent., were read; and their Lordships resolved to take the same again into further consideration at the first opportunity.

Ordered that Mr. Borland [fo. 39, 83] and Mr. Plowman have notice to attend the Board on Friday morning next, in relation to the patent desired for taking and curing sturgeon in North America.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Martyn [fo. 75, 81, 376], Inspector-General of the Customs, for an account of the quantity and value of East-India goods re-exported since the year 1702, under the following heads, vizt:—Pepper, indico, calicoes, wrought silks, and in one other article, the value only of all other goods.

January 22. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. John Mead [fo. 72, 90] attending, according to appointment, as also Mr. Cross, appointed Consul at the Canaries, Mr. Mead presented to the Board a memorial relating to the price of Canary-wines, and the duties laid in those islands upon British goods and manufactures, which was read, and their Lordships agreed to take the same into further consideration at another opportunity.

January 23. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The draught of a representation to His Majesty, upon the petition of Christopher Stoddard [fo. 52, 85], relating to a plantation in

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New Jersey.
Solicitor-General's
report.
Acts.

Representation.

Affirmation.
Quakers.

Virginia.
Attorney-General's
report.
Acts.
Representation.

Mr. Gee
summoned.

Antigua.
Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Act.

New England.
Mr. Borland and
Plowman summoned.
Sturgeon-patent.
Trade.
Letter to
Inspector-General.
East-India goods
re-exported.

Trade.
Mr. Mead.
Consul Cross.
Memorial.
Canary wines.

St. Christophers.
Representation.
Stoddard's petition.

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Cunyngham's petition.

the late French part of St. Christophers, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

The petition of Robert Cunyngham, of the said island of St. Christophers, Esqr. setting forth his services, and his claim to the said plantation for which Mr. Stoddard petitions, was read ; whereupon their Lordships resolved to reconsider the same, when they shall have received an answer from General Hamilton and Mr. Milliken, as proposed in the foresaid representation.

Trade.
Inspector-General.
East-India goods.
re-exported.

Mr. Martyn [*fo.* 79, 376], Inspector-General of the Customs, attending, acquainted their Lordships that the accounts they had lately desired of him in relation to East-India goods re-exported, would require some time, but that the same should be dispatched as soon as possible.

New Jersey.
Representation.
Act.

The draught of a representation ordered the 21st instant, to be prepared upon an Act passed in His Majesty's Province of New Jersey in 1713, entituled, an Act that the solemn affirmation and declaration of the people called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an oath, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Quakers affirmation.

Jamaica.
Sir N. Lawes's
observations.
Acts.

A memorial from Sir Nicholas Lawes [*fo.* 58, 59, 69], with his observations, relating to several Acts of Jamaica, was read ; whereupon ordered that Sir Nicholas Lawes be acquainted with what the Board have reported, in relation to the said Acts.

Representation.
W. Cockburn's petition.

The draught of a representation, directed the 20th instant, to be prepared, upon the petition of William Cockburn, Esqr. [*fo.* 76, 129] praying to be relieved from a decree of the Court of Chancery in Jamaica, on account of the profits of the Secretary's Office in that island, whilst the same was officiated by the said Mr. Cockburn, was agreed and signed ; as likewise a letter for inclosing the said representation to Mr. Secretary Addison, to be laid before His Majesty.

Profits secretary's
office.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.

January 24. Present :—Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Virginia.
Mr. Gee.
Quakers act.

Mr. Joshua Gee [*fo.* 78, 95] attending, as desired, their Lordships had some discourse with him concerning the Act passed in Virginia in 1663, relating to Quakers, mentioned in Mr. Attorney-General's report, which was read the 21st inst. ; whereupon some directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation, in order to the repeal of the said Act.

Representation.

Plantations General.
Iron.
Naval stores.

Their Lordships had likewise some discourse with Mr. Gee, concerning the production [*fo.* 10, 11, 94] of iron and naval stores in His Majesty's plantations in America ; and he was desired to reconsider his former memorials on that subject, and to bring in writing what he might think necessary to add thereupon.

New England.
Fishmongers
memorial.
Sturgeon.

A memorial from several fishmongers [*fo.* 39, 180], relating to the catching and curing sturgeon in New England, was read.

Wensley and Low's
affidavit.

The affidavit of Mrs. Wensley and Mrs. Low, relating to Mr. Wensley's having given Mr. Plowman the receipt for curing sturgeon, was likewise read.

Borland and
Plowman.

Mr. Borland and Mr. Plowman attending, according to appointment, and two of the fishmongers with whom he is under contract

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to supply with New England sturgeon, attending with the former, and Mr. Shard and Mr. Goodman with the latter ;

Mr. Plowman was called in, with the said Mr. Shard and Goodman, and the two former of those last mentioned, being asked what they had further to offer in relation to their petition for a patent to catch and cure the said fish in New England, they referred themselves to Mr. Goodman, to give account of the goodness of the sample of sturgeon taken and pickled in New England, which he had seen, who being thereupon asked how he knew the sturgeon above-mentioned to be New England sturgeon, said, he saw the cask which it was brought in, and that it proved better than some he had from the East Country.—Mr. Goodman being further asked whether he saw that keg or cask opened, or any more ; he said, he did not see any opened, nor more than that one cask or keg, which was of the New England make, and the fish distinguishable by the yellow cast of it ; and Mr. Plowman, upon discourse with him, said, he could swear the sturgeon was of their curing.

Mr. Plowman, Mr. Shard and Mr. Goodman being withdrawn, Mr. Borland and the two fishmongers with him, were called in ; and Mr. Borland was asked if he had any thing further to offer in relation to his petition for a patent to catch and cure sturgeon in North America ; to which he answered, that he had not, but hoped, that in consideration of his services, he was best entitled to His Majesty's favour in this matter ; and then they withdrew.

Ordered that heads be prepared for a representation to His Majesty, upon the forementioned petitions, relating to the catching and curing of sturgeon.

A representation upon the petition of Mr. Stoddard [*fo.* 81, 301], relating to a plantation in the late French part of St. Christophers, was signed.

Ordered that Mr. Smith, Secretary of New Jersey, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Monday morning next.

*Shard, Goodman.**Representation.*

St. Christophers.
Representation.
Stoddard's petition.

New Jersey.
Mr. Smith
summoned.

January 27. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Three letters from Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New York and New Jersey, to the Secretary, dated the 9th. and 22nd of November, and 3rd of December, 1717, were read, and the papers referred to in the last mentioned of the said letters, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

List of vessels, &c., entered inwards at New York, from the 24th June, to the 29th September, 1717.

List of vessels, &c., cleared outwards at New York, from the 24th June, to the 29th September, 1717.

Mr. James Smith [*fo.* 12, 125, 294], Secretary of the Province of New Jersey, attending as desired, their Lordships had some discourse with him, relating to the Quakers in the said province, and being asked what necessity there was for allowing those people any greater priviledges in New Jersey than Quakers enjoy in this

New York.
New Jersey.
Letters from
Brigadier Hunter.

Papers.

New Jersey.
Mr. Smith
secretary.
Quakers.
Priviledges.

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kingdom ; he said, that the greater part of the inhabitants of that province were Quakers, and generally the most industrious, wealthy and honest ;—that of the Western Division two thirds of the people were Quakers,—that Quakers were admitted to be judges and justices of the peace, and the grand juries half composed of them ; but they not being allowed to be of the petty juries, the other inhabitants would never bring any criminals in guilty, even where it was very apparent they ought ; and Mr. Smith instanced a particular case, where, tho' the prisoner had confessed the fact, the jury acquitted him.

*Representation.
Act.*

Quakers affirmation.

*Mr. Smith's
memorial.
Secretary's fees.*

*Act
fees and ferriages.*

*New York.
Attorney General's
report.
Acts.*

*Letter to the
Governor.
Objections.*

*Attorney General's
report.
Naturalization act.*

*St. Christophers.
Rich and poor
leave the island ;
Reason.*

*Letter to
General Hamilton.*

Mr. Smith [*fo.* 12, 294] being withdrawn, their Lordships agreed and signed the representation, ordered the 21st instant, to be prepared, in order to His Majesty's Royal Confirmation of the Act passed in the said Province of New Jersey in 1713, entitled, an Act that the solemn affirmation and declaration of the people called Quakers shall be accepted instead of an oath.

A memorial from the said Mr. Smith, relating to the reduction of the fees of his office of Secretary, by some Acts of New Jersey, was read ; whereupon an Act passed in the said province in 1716—17, entitled, an Act for the better enforcing an ordinance of His Excellency Robert Hunter, Esqr., Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of New Jersey, New York, &c., entitled, an Ordinance for the further establishing of fees and ferriages, was read ; which Act their Lordships agreed to lay by as probationary, and resolved to consider the other Acts of New Jersey, relating to fees, at the first opportunity.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon the three Acts of New York undermentioned vizt. :—An Act for levying and paying the several duties therein mentioned, for the use of this colony ; passed in June, 1714 ;—an Act for a supply to be granted to His Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of New York, and for striking bills of credit for that purpose, passed in July, 1715,—and an Act to oblige all vessels trading into this Colony, except such as are therein excepted, to pay a certain duty, and for the further explanation and rendering more effectual certain clauses in an Act of General Assembly of this Colony, entitled, an Act by which a duty is laid on negroes and other slaves imported into this Colony, passed in September, 1716, was read ; whereupon their Lordships gave directions for writing to Brigadier Hunter, relating to some objections to two of those Acts.

Mr. Attorney-General's report upon an Act passed at New York in July, 1715, for a general naturalization, was read ; and their Lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration on Friday morning next.

Their Lordships have received some information that not only many of ye poorer inhabitants [*fo.* 13], but some of the more substantial people of St. Christophers, had left, or were quitting that island on account of disturbance given them by General Hamilton in their possessions in the late French part of St. Christophers ; ordered that the draught of a letter be prepared, to require him not to make any alteration in the present possessions there, till His Majesty's further pleasure be declared concerning the late

French lands in that island, and that General Hamilton acquaint this Board with the several alterations he has made in those possessions since his government, and the reasons thereof.

Sir Nicholas Lawes attending, acquainted their Lordships, that he designed to set out for his government of Jamaica on Monday next, and came to take his leave of the Board ; but that in the mean time he should be glad to receive His Majesty's pleasure upon the observations made relating to His Majesty's proclamation about pirates,—in relation to a new Commission for trying of pirates [*fo.* 145],—and concerning the removal of Mr. Page from being Deputy-Secretary of Jamaica ; upon all which matters their Lordships have already represented : Sir Nicholas added in relation to the Additional Duty Bill, which their Lordships have proposed to be repealed on account of the hardships thereby laid on the South Sea Company, in the duties on their negroes ; that he hoped, the objection as to it's laying a tax on two particular towns, vizt. St. Iago de la Vega and Kingston, would not be understood to forbid the passing any future Act with the like clause, for that there was but one other town in Jamaica, vizt. Port Royal, besides the two abovementioned, and that the present great decay of Port Royal was the reason of it's not being taxed as the other two ; whereupon he was acquainted that the Governor ought to have given his reasons for such distinction in the said Act, which he had omitted.

Sir Nicholas Lawes being withdrawn, a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, upon the several representations to which he referred, was agreed and signed.

Mr. Cross [*fo.* 80, 92], Consul of the Canaries, attending, presented to the Board a memorial, which their Lordships resolved to take into consideration at the first opportunity.

January 28. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The draught of a letter to Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New Jersey and New York, in answer to several from him relating to the affairs of New Jersey, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon two Acts passed at New York in September, 1714, entituled, an Act for shortening of law-suits, and regulating the practice of the law, and an Act for preventing the multiplicity of law-suits ; was read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation [*fo.* 94] to His Majesty, in order to the confirmation of the last mentioned Act ; and that a copy of so much of Mr. Attorney's said report, as relates to the former of these Acts, be sent with the next letter that shall be writ to Brigadier Hunter, with respect to his government of New York, that the Assembly there may provide against the exceptions made by Mr. Attorney to the said Act.

A letter from Mr. Keith [*fo.* 32, 166], Deputy-Governor of Pennsylvania, dated the 25th of November last, was read.

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Jamaica.

*Plantations General.
Sir N. Lawes.*

*Proclamation—pirates.
Commission for
trying them.*

Deputy Secretary.

Additional Duty Bill.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Representations.*

Trade.
*Canaries.
Consul Cross.
Memorial.*

New Jersey.
*Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.*

New York.
*Attorney General's
report.
Acts.*

Representation.

Pennsylvania.
Letter from Mr. Keith.

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Barbadoes.**Trade.****Bahamas.***Representation from
Lords Committee of
Council.**Act.**Royal African
company.**Ships of war.***Trade.***Cross's memorial.**Canary-wines, etc.*

The copy of a report from the Lords of the Committee of Council, to whom three representations of this Board were referred, one relating to an Act of Barbadoes to dock the intail of Mount Lucie plantation; another concerning the petition of the Royal African Company, about assisting them with ships of war; and the third relating to the Bahama Islands [*fo.* 30, 96]; was read.

The memorial presented yesterday by Mr. Cross [*fo.* 90, 97], appointed Consul at the Canaries, relating to the trade of those islands, to a liberty of carrying Canary-wines directly to our plantations, and to the duties on British goods in the said islands, was read; and their Lordships agreed to take the said memorial into further consideration at another opportunity.

St. Christophers.*Letter to**General Hamilton.*

The draught of a letter, ordered yesterday to be prepared, to Genl. Hamilton [*fo.* 89], Governor of the Leeward Islands, relating to the possessions in the late French part of the island of St. Christophers, was agreed and signed.

Virginia.*Letter to**Colonel Spotswood.*

The draught of a letter to Col. Spotswood [*fo.* 54], Lieut. Governor of Virginia, in answer to several letters from him, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

January 29. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doernique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

*Letter to
Colonel Spotswood.*

A letter to Col. Spotswood [*fo.* 48, 54, 121, 272], Lieut. Governor of Virginia, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Plantations General.**Trade.***Letter from**Earl of Sunderland.**Commons address.**Representation.**Naval stores.*

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland [*fo.* 83, 110], dated yesterday, inclosing the copy of an Address from the House of Commons to His Majesty, relating to a representation made by this Board, about naval stores imported from America, was read; and a copy of the said representation dated the 28th of March, 1717, being accordingly prepared, the same was delivered to Mr. Chetwynd, to be laid before the House.

New York.*Representation.**Act.**Law-suits.*

The draught of a representation directed yesterday to be prepared upon an Act, [*fo.* 92, 125] passed at New York in September, 1714, entituled, an Act for the preventing the multiplicity of law-suits, was agreed and signed.

Trade.*Letter from**Mr. Lowndes.**Bill.**British built ships;
Godolphins' memorial.
Shipping of Scotland.*

A letter from Mr. Lowndes [*fo.* 103], of the 14th instant, by direction of the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the draught of a bill for preserving the right of British built ships, together with a memorial from Mr. Godolphin, Register-General of all trading ships of Great Britain, relating to the trade and shipping of Scotland, were read; and their Lordships resolved to take the said letter and memorial into further consideration at another opportunity.

January 31. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Bladen.

Virginia.
Representation.
Acts.

The draught of a representation upon two Acts [*fo.* 83, 98] passed in Virginia in 1663, relating to foreign debts and to Quakers, which are mentioned in the minutes of the 21st and 24th instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

The Copy of an Order of Council, of the 8th October, on a representation of the 18th September, for restoring Mr. Barwick to his place in the Council of Barbadoes, and granting him leave to stay some time in Great Britain ; was read.

The copy of an Order of Council, of the 17th, upon two representations of the 11th and 14th of October, 1717, for approving the Act passed in Barbadoes, to dock the intail of certain lands in the parish of Christ-Church ; and the Act laying an imposition or duty on all sugars, &c., was read.

The copy of an Order of Council, of the 24th upon a representation of the 17th October, 1717, for confirming an Act passed at New York to enable William Anderson to sell a lot of ground, &c., was read.

The copy of an Order of Council, of the 18th December, upon a representation dated the 11th October, 1717, with the draughts of instructions for Sir Nicholas Lawes, for the Government of Jamaica, and relating to the Acts of trade, &c., was read.

The copy of an Order of Council, of the 9th January, 1717-18, upon a representation of the 21st December, 1717, and a letter to the Earl of Sunderland of the 3rd January, for repealing an Act of Jamaica, to impose duties on all negroes exported, &c., and directing instructions to be prepared for Sir Nicholas Lawes, on that subject, &c., was read.

The copy of an Order of Council, of the 9th January, 1717-18, upon two representations, dated the 21st of November and 11th of December, 1717, relating to a commission and instructions for Captain Rogers to be Governor of the Bahama Islands, &c., was read.

The copy of an Order of Council, of the 27th upon a representation of the 21st November, 1717, for appointing three new councillors for the Province of New Jersey, &c., was read.

February 3. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The draught of a representation upon the petition of Don Bernardo de Guardia and Mr. Diharce, relating to a Spanish belandra seized and condemned at Jamaica, as mentioned in the minutes of the 15th of last month, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Poulton, Consul at the Canaries [*fo.* 92], dated the 18th November, 1715, together with a representation relating to the present state of the trade of those islands ; were read.

A representation upon the memorial of the Marquis de Monteleone, Ambassador from Spain, relating to the trade between the Canary Islands and His Majesty's dominions, mentioned in the minutes of the 10th of last month, was signed, together with a letter inclosing the same to Mr. Secretary Addison.

A representation agreed at the last meeting, upon two Acts [*fo.* 78-95, 121] passed in Virginia in 1663, relating to Quakers and to Foreign Debts, was signed.

An Order of Council [*fo.* 100], of the 30th of last month, upon a representation of the 18th September, relating to commissions for trying pirates in His Majesty's plantations, requiring this Board

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Barbadoes.

*Order of Council.
Representation.
Restoring Barwick.*

*Order of Council.
Representation.
Acts.*

New York.

*Order of Council.
Representation.
Act.*

Jamaica.

*Order of Council.
Representation.
Sir Nicholas Lawes's
instructions.*

*Order of Council.
Representation.
Act.*

*Instructions***Bahamas.**

*Order of Council.
Representations.
Captain Rogers's
commission and
instructions.*

New Jersey.

*Order of Council.
Representation.
New councillors.*

Jamaica.

*Representation.
de Guardia and
Diharce.
Spanish belandra.*

Trade.

*Letter from
Consul Poulton.
Canaries.
Representation.
Representation.
Monteleone's
memorial.
Canary Islands.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.*

Virginia.

*Representation.
Acts.*

Plantations General.

*Order of Council.
Commissions.
Trying pirates.*

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*Representation.***Trade,**
*with Venice ;
Papers.***New Jersey.**
*Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.*

forthwith to present to the Lords of the Council the names of persons proper for executing the said commissions, and of the plantations which may fitly be comprehended within each commission, was read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation in answer to the said Order.

Ordered that the several papers in this Office, relating to the trade and commerce between this kingdom and Venice [*fo.* 109], be looked out, to be laid before the Board.

A letter to Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New Jersey and New York, was signed.

Virginia.
*Order of Council.
Byrd's petition.
Courts of Oyer, etc.**Representation.***Jamaica.**
*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
de Guardia's petition.*

February 5. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

An Order of Council, of the 2nd inst., upon the petition of William Byrd, Esqr. [*fo.* 54, 133] relating to the appointing of judges in the Courts of Oyer and Terminer for Criminal Causes in His Majesty's Colony of Virginia, was read ; and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, agreed at the last meeting, upon the petition of Don Bernardo de Guardia [*fo.* 272] and Mr. Diharce, relating to a Spanish belandra taken and condemned at Jamaica, was signed.

Jamaica.
*Order of Council.
Representation.
Instructions.
Sir N. Lawes ;
Additional
instructions to
Governors.**Alterations.***Plantations General.**
*Representation.**Commissions.
Trying pirates.*

February 6. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Upon further consideration of the Order of Council, of December 18th, mentioned in the minutes of the 31st of last month, on the representation of this Board, dated the 11th of October, 1717, relating to the draughts of instructions for Sir Nicholas Lawes, for the Government of Jamaica ; directions were given for preparing draughts of additional instructions to His Majesty's several Governors in America, for making their former instructions conformable to the alterations made in those for Jamaica.

The draught of a representation upon the Order of Council, of the 30th of last month, mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd instant, relating to the names of Commissioners [*fo.* 98, 104] for trying pirates in America, and the plantations fit to be comprehended in each commission, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

Miscellanies.*Earl of Holderness.*

February 7. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A new Commission from His Majesty, under the Great Seal, bearing date the 31st of last month, was opened and read ; whereby, besides the Great Officers of State, as in the last Commission, the Right Honble. the Earl of Holderness, John Chetwynd, Esqr., Sir Charles Cooke, Kt., Paul Docminique, John Molesworth, Thomas Pelham, Daniel Pulteney and Martin Bladen, Esqrs. are appointed Commissioners for promoting the trade of this kingdom, and for inspecting and improving His Majesty's plantations in America, and elsewhere.

A letter from General Hamilton, Govr. of the Leeward Islands, dated at Nevis the 7th of October, 1717, was read, and the nine affidavits therein referred to, concerning the behaviour of Clement Crooke, Esqr. late Chief Justice of St. Christophers, were laid before the Board; whereupon their Lordships agreed to take the said affidavits into consideration when any complaints shall be made here, relating to the said Mr. Crooke.

A memorial and petition from Mr. Dummer, Agent for the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, praying to be heard, before their Lordships make their report on the petitions for a patent to catch and cure sturgeon in North America, was read.

Mr. Coram [*fo.* 67, 124] attending, and desiring that Mr. Solicitor-General may be pressed to hasten his report relating to the lands between Nova Scotia and New England, where several disbanded officers and soldiers and French Protestant refugees propose to make a settlement; directions were given to the Secretary for writing to Mr. Solicitor accordingly.

Sir Justus Beek and several other gentlemen attending, they presented to the Board an Order of Council [*fo.* 106], dated the 2nd instant, upon the petition of themselves and divers other merchants, praying to be incorporated for the insurance of ships; which Order and petition were read, and their Lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration at another opportunity.

February 10. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their Lordships taking again into consideration Mr. Godolphin's memorial [*fo.* 94, 136], inclosed in Mr. Lowndes's letter, which was read the 29th of last month, relating to a Bill for preserving the right of British-built ships; the draught of the said bill (Trade, Bundle M. No. 179) as likewise the observations of the Commissioners of the Customs thereupon, and the clauses of several Acts of Parliament, were read; and their Lordships agreed upon several queries on the subject of the said Bill, which the Secretary was directed to send to Mr. Godolphin, for his answer.

Upon further consideration of the memorial from Mr. Beresford [*fo.* 31, 433], mentioned in the minutes of the 12th December last, relating to the progress the French have made towards a communication between St. Lawrence or Canada River, and their new settlement of Louisiana, and down the River Mississippi; ordered that a copy of the said memorial be sent to Mr. Keith, Deputy-Governor of Pennsylvania, for his opinion what may be proper to be done for preventing the inconveniences mentioned in the said memorial.

Ordered that the Secretary acquaint Mr. Dummer, that the Board desire to have, as soon as may be, in writing, what he has to offer concerning the sturgeon-fishery in North America, as mentioned in his memorial, read at the last meeting.

The draught of a representation, with the names of Commissioners [*fo.* 100, 111] for Trying Pirates in America, as agreed the 6th instant, was signed.

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St. Christophers.
Letter from
General Hamilton.
Affidavits.
Clement Crooke,
Chief Justice.

New England.
Dummer's petition.
Sturgeon-patent.

Coram.

Settlement.
Letter to
Solicitor General.
Trade.
Sir Justus Beek and
others.
Order of Council.
Petition.
Charter.
Insurance of ships.

Trade.
Godolphin's
memorial.
British-built ships
Bill.
Observations.
Commissioners of
Customs;
Queries.
Letter to
Mr. Godolphin.

Plantations General.
Beresford's memorial.

French settlement.
Letter to
Mr. Keith.

New England.
Letter to
Mr. Dummer.
Sturgeon-fishery.

Plantations General.
Representation.
Commissioners.
Trying pirates.

1717—18.

Jamaica.
Letter from
Sir N. Lawes.

A letter from Sir Nicholas Lawes, appointed Governor of Jamaica, dated the 7th instant, was read.

New Jersey.**New York.**

Letter from
Mr. Philips.
Complaints against
Governor.
Talbot and
Wilcocks.

February 11. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney. A letter from Mr. Philips [*fo.* 5, 107, 114], Agent for New York, relating to complaints against Brigadier Hunter, Governor of the Provinces of New Jersey and New York, and inclosing copies of letters from Mr. Talbot and Mr. Wilcocks, about the designs of the Brigadier's accusers, was read, together with the said copies.

Naturalization act.
Attorney General's
report.
Champante's
memorial.

Representation.

Their Lordships took again into consideration the Act passed at New York in July, 1715, for a general naturalization, and the said Act was read, together with Mr. Attorney General's report thereupon, mentioned in the minutes of the 27th of last month, as likewise a memorial from Mr. Champante, upon the same subject, mentioned in the minutes of the 1st December, 1715; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation to His Majesty, relating to the said Act.

Trade.*Order of Council.*

Merchants petition.
against charter
insuring ships, etc.

Sir Justus Beck and
others summoned.

An Order of Council [*fo.* 102, 110], of the 2nd instant referring to this Board, and to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, the petition of several merchants and traders of London, praying to be heard against the passing a charter for incorporating a number of persons for insuring ships and merchandize at sea, was read, together with a copy of the said petition; whereupon ordered that the Secretary write to Sir Justus Beck, to acquaint him, that the Board desire to speak with him on Friday morning next, and any other gentlemen he shall think fitting, who have signed the petition for such a charter, as mentioned in the minutes of the 7th instant.

February 12. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

New York.
Letters from
Brigadier Hunter.

Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.
Act.

Attorney General.

Mulford's memorial.
Whale-fishery.

Letter from
Mr. Philips.
Complaints against
Governor.

Papers.

Their Lordships taking again into consideration the letters from Brigadier Hunter [*fo.* 125], Governor of New York, which have not been answered, the letters from him to the Secretary, of the 22nd November, and 3rd of December, 1717, mentioned in the minutes of the 27th of last month, were read; whereupon some further directions were given for preparing a letter to Brigadier Hunter.

Ordered that the copy of an Act passed at New York in 1710, entituled, an Act for the better settlement and assuring of lands in this Colony, be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion thereupon in point of law.

A memorial from Mr. Mulford [*fo.* 173], relating to the whale-fishery at New York, was read, as likewise.

A letter from Mr. Philips [*fo.* 105, 109, 114], Agent for the Province of New York, dated yesterday, relating to some complaints against Brigadier Hunter, Governor of the said Province, and of New Jersey, was read, and the papers therein referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Affidavit of John Drummy, relating to some letters writ by Mr. Cox and others, against Brigadier Hunter.

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Address from the Genl. Assembly of New York, to Brigadier Hunter, relating to Mr. Mulford's and others' complaints against him.

Printed copy of an Address from the Grand-Jury of New York to His Majesty in June, 1717.

Whereupon ordered that an extract of Mr. Philips's said letter, with copies of the affidavit of John Drummy, and of the two letters writ by Daniel Cox and Henry Joyce, be sent to Mr. Attorney General, and that he be acquainted with the Board's desire to confer with him thereupon.

Attorney General.

Ordered likewise that the draught of a letter be prepared, for transmitting to Mr. Secretary Addison a copy of Mr. Philips's said letter, and of the affidavit, and other papers abovementioned, as also of the Address from the Assembly of New York, relating to the complaints of Mr. Mulford and others, against Brigadier Hunter, for Mr. Secretary's information.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Papers.*

February 13. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The draught of a letter, ordered at the last meeting to be prepared, for transmitting to Mr. Secretary Addison, the copy of a letter from Mr. Philips [fo. 107, 114], Agent for New York, and other papers relating to the complaints of Mr. Mulford and others, against Brigadier Hunter, Governor of the said Province, and of New Jersey, as also relating to some attempts against him, was agreed and signed.

*New York.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Papers.
Complaints against
Governor.*

Their Lordships took into consideration the project of a Treaty of Commerce [fo. 98, 142] between Great Britain and Venice, transmitted by the Board of Trade, the 19th of December, 1712, to the Earl of Dartmouth, then Secretary of State, which project was read; and their Lordships resolved to proceed in the further consideration thereof, and the other papers on that subject on Tuesday morning next.

*Trade.
Treaty of commerce.
Venice.*

Ordered that a letter be writ to the Commissioners of the Navy, to desire this Board may have, as soon as conveniently may be, an account of the premiums paid for naval stores [fo. 94, 112, 113] imported from America, for five years ending at Christmas last; as also an account what quantities of pitch and tar imported from America, have been bought for the use of His Majesty, for the same time, with the prices paid for the said commodities respectively.

*Plantations General.
Trade.
Letter to
Commissioners of
Navy.
Premiums.
Naval stores.*

February 17. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Sir John Williams, Mr. London, Mr. Bradley, and other gentlemen who petition to be incorporated [fo. 106, 115] for the insurance of ships, &c., attending, their Lordships had some discourse with them on the subject of the said petition; whereupon they were desired to bring in writing, as soon as conveniently they could, a scheme of what they propose, with their reasons to support it, and to instance such inconveniencies as they judge, the merchants in general lie under, for want of such an incorporation.

*Trade.
Sir John Williams
and others.
Insurance of ships,
etc.*

1717—18.

*Sir James Bateman,
Sir Gilbert Heathcote,
and others,*

*against the charter,
summoned.*

Jamaica.

Plantations General.

Order of Council.

Mr. Attorney and

Mr. Solicitor-

*General's answers to
queries.*

Proclamation-pirates,

Trade.

Ireland.

Griffith's memorial.

Wool to France.

Returned.

Trade.

Plantations General.

Letter from

Mr. Carkesse.

Præmiums.

Pitch and tar ;

Circular letters to

Governors,

frauds.

Antigua.

Act.

White servants.

Ordered that Sir James Bateman and Sir Gilbert Heathcote be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them, and any other gentlemen they shall think fit, who are concerned in the petition against the forementioned incorporation for insuring ships, &c., on Wednesday morning next.

An Order of Council of the 9th instant, upon a letter from this Board, of the 18th November last, and Mr. Attorney and Solicitor-General's answers to several queries relating to the late proclamation for suppressing of pirates [*fo.* 104, 114], was read ; whereupon their Lordships agreed to speak with Mr. Attorney General on that subject.

Mr. Griffith attending, presented to the Board a memorial relating to the exportation of wool [*fo.* 70, 141] from Ireland to France, and other illegal trade, which was read ; and their Lordships desiring an explanation of some parts of the said memorial, it was returned to Mr. Griffith, who promised to bring another, which should be more particular.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the 15th instant, with abstracts of several papers, which have been under the consideration of the Commissioners of the Customs [*fo.* 110, 113] relating to frauds in procuring præmiums on importation of pitch and tar from America, were read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing circular letters to the several Governors of His Majesty's plantations on the Continent of America, to use their endeavours for preventing such frauds.

Ordered that the Act passed in the island of Antigua, the 5th of November, 1716, entitled, an Act for encouraging the importation of white servants to this Island, be sent to Mr. Attorney-General, for his opinion thereupon.

February 18. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney.

Their lordships made a further progress in considering the project of a treaty of commerce with Venice, mentioned in the minutes of the 13th instant, and other papers on the same subject, and resolved to proceed further thereupon at the first opportunity.

A letter from the Commissioners of the Navy, dated yesterday, with an account of the præmiums paid on importation of naval stores [*fo.* 112, 139] from America, and of such of the said stores as have been bought for the use of His Majesty's Navy for five years ending at Christmas last, and the prices thereof, were read ; whereupon ordered that the Secretary return them the thanks of this Board for the said account, and desire the like account for the future annually.

Mr. Attorney-General coming to the Board, their Lordships had some discourse with him on several subjects, and particularly relating to the instructions directed by the Order of Council, read at the last meeting, to be prepared for His Majesty's Governors in America, concerning pirates ; [*fo.* 111, 120] whereupon Mr. Attorney declared his opinion, that an instruction would not be sufficient to authorize any Governor in the plantations to pardon piracies, and any murders committed in the acts of piracy, but that

Trade.

Treaty of commerce.

Venice.

Plantations General.

Trade.

*Letter from Com-
missioners of navy.*

Præmiums.

Naval stores.

Prices.

Letter to said

Commissioners,

like account annually.

Attorney General.

Instructions.

Governors,

Pirates ;

not sufficient.

it would be necessary commissions should pass the Great Seal of this kingdom for that purpose.

Mr. Attorney General, at the same time, returned the letter writ him by the Secretary the 13th instant [*fo.* 109], and the copies of several papers relating to some complaints and practices against Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New York and New Jersey ; whereupon Mr. Attorney said, that there being no proofs of the facts therein set forth, he could not advise any proceedings in relation to those matters.

February 19. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Sir Gilbert Heathcote [*fo.* 110, 132], Mr. Heysham, Mr. Humphry Morice, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Milner, Mr. Richard Harris, Mr. Jackson, and other gentlemen attending, as desired, in relation to their petition against any charter of incorporation for insuring of ships and goods at sea ; they were asked what they had to offer against such a charter ; whereupon Sir Gilbert Heathcote said, some of the objections were contained in their said petition, besides which they thought, if once such a corporation, or company were erected, they would undoubtedly at first lessen the rates now paid for insurance to particular persons, and of consequence, all private insurers must leave off the business ; that then every person who had occasion to insure, would be at the mercy of a company, who, after their rivals were overcome, would raise the rates of insurances, so as to have an over-balance for what they should run out by their insurance on low terms ;—that when the present insurers are broke, or have laid aside that employment, which it will be for the company's interest to endeavour, the said insurers or other private persons will hardly resume or take up their former business, after having for some time turned their thoughts another way ; or, if some should return to this business, the company would soon reduce them by the same method they had done it at first.—That, as many disputes arise on account of insurances, a single merchant would not be able to contend with a company, but would find his account in case of misfortune to the ship insured, rather to submit to such company's determination, tho' much to his prejudice, than to go to law with so powerful an adversary :—Mr. Townshend spoke likewise to the same purpose as Sir Gilbert Heathcote, as likewise Mr. Heysham and Mr. Morice ; and they further added, that tho' there were some few merchants of consideration who had signed the petition for a charter, yet the far greater number of those petitioners were persons not much concerned in trade, which gave reason to believe, the chief view of obtaining such a charter, was stock-jobbing ;—that on the other side, the petition against such a charter, was signed by three or four hundred persons of the greatest estates in trade. These gentlemen being asked how our insurances were at present esteemed, whether they were on a better or worse foot than formerly ; and particularly, whether it had not been customary for merchants to insure the insurers ; as likewise whether proper rules and restrictions might not be framed for preventing any

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Commissions under the Great Seal.

**New York.
New Jersey.**

*Attorney-General,
Papers.*

*Complaints against
Brigadier Hunter.*

Trade.

*Sir Gilbert Heathcote
and others.*

*Against the charter
for insuring ships.
Sir Gilbert,
objections.*

*Mr. Townshend and
others against
insuring ships, etc.*

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inconveniencies to the publick by such a charter or incorporation ; they said, that our insurances here, were at present better than ever known to be, and were esteemed by foreigners, as well as the most considerable merchants of this kingdom ;—that the Danish East-India Company have insured here, and merchants have been allowed a half per cent. to get insurance for foreigners ;—that by reason of the high rate given for insurances by foreigners in their own respective countries, they have not only insured here, but have likewise insured the insurers, being at less expence in the whole than their insurance at home would amount to ;—that indeed, here in England, a little before the Revolution, and the breaking out of the late war, the præmiums taken by insurers, being so small as not to answer the great risques to which all ships at sea were then liable, several persons thought it advisable to insure the insurers, but that it was not a thing commonly practised ;—and as to any rules or restrictions to prevent the publick suffering by a charter of incorporation ; they said, they did not conceive, any could be effectual.

*Charter
insuring ships, etc.*

The said gentlemen were then desired to put into writing, what reasons or objections they had against a charter of incorporation for insuring ships, and to lay the same before the Board, as soon as conveniently they could ; which they promised accordingly.

New York.
*Philips's memorial.
Naturalization act.*

A memorial from Mr. Philips, Agent for the province of New York, in favour of an Act passed there in 1715, for a general naturalization, was read.

Attorney General.

Ordered that the said Act, passed at New York in July, 1715, be sent back to Mr. Attorney General, and that he be desired to inform the Board what alterations are proper to be made thereto, in order to the passing a new bill there, to answer the intent of the present Act.

New bill.

February 20. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Carolina.
*Order of Council.
Representation.
Lords Proprietors.
Sir Robert
Montgomery,
Governor.
Memorial.*

An Order of Council, of the 9th instant, referring to this Board a representation from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, which recommends Sir Robert Montgomery [*fo.* 127] for His Majesty's approbation, to be Governor for life, of the most southern part of the said Province beyond the Savana River, was read ; together with a copy of the said representation, as likewise a memorial from the said Sir Robert Montgomery upon that subject, all which their Lordships resolved to take into further consideration at the first opportunity.

**New York.
New Jersey.**
*Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.*

The draught of a letter to Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New York and New Jersey, in answer to several letters from him, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed, as was likewise a postscript to the letter writ him the 3rd instant, relating more particularly to the affairs of New Jersey.

**Plantations General.
Jamaica.**
*Representation to
Lords of the Council.
Pardoning piracies.*

A representation to the Lords of the Council, in answer to their Lordships Order, of the 9th, mentioned in the minutes of the 17th instant, relating to the pardoning of piracies [*fo.* 114, 121], &c., was agreed and signed,

A letter from Mr. Wood, relating to an Act passed in Jamaica, in 1716, entituled [*fo. 137*], an Act for the effectual discovery of all persons that are disaffected to His Majesty, and his Government, and to prevent all such persons holding any office or place of trust within this Island, mentioned in the representation of this Board, of the 23rd of October last, was read; and directions were given to prepare the draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland thereupon.

February 21. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

An Order of Council, of the 13th upon a representation of the 3rd instant, for repealing two Acts passed in Virginia [*fo. 98*], entituled, an Act prohibiting the unlawful assembly of Quakers, passed in 1663, and an Act concerning foreign debts, was read; whereupon a letter to Col. Spotswood, inclosing the said Order, was agreed and signed.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland [*fo. 120, 122*], dated this day, inclosing the copy of an Address from the House of Commons, requiring several papers relating to pirates, to be laid before them, was read; whereupon directions were given for copying the said papers.

February 24. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Pulleine, late Lieut. Governor of Bermuda, dated the 22nd of April, 1714, was read.

Two letters from Col. Bennett, the present Lieut. Governor of those Islands; one to the Board, the other to the Secretary; both dated the 30th of July last, were read.

A letter from Col. Shute, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay, dated the 9th of November last, was read.

The copies of several papers relating to pirates [*fo. 121, 128–131*], directed at the last meeting to be copied, pursuant to an Address of the House of Commons, being laid before the Board, with a list thereof, Sir Charles Cooke was desired to present the said copies and list to the House, which he promised accordingly.

An Order of Council, of the 2nd instant, referring to this Board the petition of several lords [*fo. 130*] and others to His Majesty for a patent, in order to the improvement and better carrying on the fishery of this kingdom, was read, and their Lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration at the first opportunity.

A letter from Mr. Burchett [*fo. 136*], of the 21st instant, by direction of the Lords of the Admiralty, signifying that Captain Scott is appointed Commodore of the Newfoundland convoy for this year, and desiring that such instructions and heads of enquiry as this Board shall think fit, may be prepared for the said Commodore, or any particular instructions or heads of enquiry for Captain Whorwood, who is to proceed before the Commodore to the harbour of Trepassy, was read; whereupon directions were given for preparing the instructions and heads of enquiry, as usual.

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Jamaica.
Letter from
Mr. Wood.
Act,
disaffected persons.

Letter to
Earl of Sunderland.

Virginia.
Order of Council.
Acts.
Quakers.
Foreign debts.
Letter to
Colonel Spotswood.

Plantations General.
Letter from
Earl of Sunderland.
Commons address.
Papers—pirates.

Bermuda.
Letter from
Mr. Pulleine.
Letters from
Colonel Bennett.

Massachusetts.
Letter from
Colonel Shute.
Plantations General.
Papers—pirates.
Commons address.

Trade.
Order of Council.
Petition.
Patent—fishery.

Newfoundland.
Letter from
Mr. Burchett.
Commodore Scott.
Instructions.
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Antigua.
Order of Council.
Petition.

Act.
St. Philip's Church.
Mr. Marsh.
summoned.

Carolina.
Sir Robert Montgomery
summoned.

New England.
Petition.
Settlement.
Letter from Marquis
de Wignacourt.

St. Christophers.
Attorney General's
report.
Act.
Mr. Duport
summoned.

An Order of Council, of the 9th instant, referring to this Board the petition of the church-wardens [*fo.* 126] and vestry, and other the parishoners of the parish of St. Philips, in the Island of Antigua against an Act of that Island, obliging them to rebuild their parish-church, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Marsh, who is concerned for the petitioners, have notice to attend the Board to-morrow morning.

Ordered that Sir Robert Montgomery be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him to-morrow morning.

The petition of several persons concerned for the people [*fo.* 102, 134] who have proposed to settle the land between the Province of Main and Nova Scotia, was read; as likewise a letter from the Marquis de Wignacourt to Mr. Doeminique, on the same subject.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon an Act passed at St. Christophers, entituled, an Act for settling the estates and titles of the inhabitants of this Island to their possessions within the same, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Duport be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Thursday morning next.

New York.
Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.
Order of Council.

Act.
Law-suits.

New Jersey.
Order of Council.
Acts.

Antigua.
Mr. Marsh.
Act.
Brown and Elliott,
etc.

February 25. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney. A letter to Brigadier Hunter [*fo.* 106], Govr. of New York and New Jersey, relating to the affairs of New York, was signed.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 13th February, 1717-18, upon a representation of this Board of the 13th November, 1717, for confirming an Act passed in New York, for preventing of law-suits, approving the same, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 13th February, 1717-18, upon two representations of this Board, of 11th December, 1717, and 27th January, 1717-18, for confirming two Acts [*fo.* 28, 86, 162], passed in New Jersey, in March, 1713 and January, 1715-16, approving the said representation, was read.

Mr. Marsh [*fo.* 123, 212] attending, according to appointment, he was asked what he had further to offer concerning the Act of Antigua, entituled, an Act to indemnify Anthony Brown and John Elliott, of the aforesaid Island, Gentn. from a certain bond and articles of agreement by them entered into, with George Pullen, carpenter, for the building a church; he said, that the gentlemen concerned against the said Act, desired to be heard by their counsel, but that they were not yet prepared for it, and therefore he desired time for that purpose, and promised to acquaint the Board so soon as his clients were ready.

Mr. Nivine, Agent for the said Island, attending likewise, their Lordships enquired whether he had any instructions concerning the Act abovementioned; whereupon Mr. Nivine said, he had no particular instructions relating to it, but that he was informed, the chief inhabitants of the Island were for the Act, and he promised to bring some gentlemen of the Leeward Islands to the Board, who could give their Lordships the best information in this matter.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 30th January, 1717-18, upon a representation of this Board of 16th October, for repealing an

Order of Council.

Mr. Nivine.

Act passed in Antigua, for establishing a Court of King's Bench, &c., approving the said representation was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 30th January, 1717-18, upon a representation of this Board, of 16th October, 1717, for confirming three Acts of Antigua and St. Christophers, approving the same, was read.

Sir Robert Montgomery [*fo.* 119, 132] attending, as desired, their Lordships had some discourse with him concerning the new settlement which he intends to make in the southern part of Carolina, wherein he said, that he proposed to take thither five or six hundred men at the first, and some few women, and that the remainder of their families should be transported, after they had established and fortified themselves;—that he computed the charge of every three men would be 100*l.*, and to carry on this undertaking; he assured their Lordships, that he had with the assistance of his friends and relations a certain fund of thirty thousand pounds, and desired no support either from the Crown, or from Carolina.—That he desired to be Governor for life, and independent of the Governor of Carolina, for that after he had ventured his fortune, the Lords Proprietors might otherwise appoint a Governor, with whose conduct perhaps Sir Robert might not be satisfied, which he said would be inconvenient, and he promised to bring to the Board the grant he had from the said Lords Proprietors.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 30th January, 1717-18, upon a representation of this Board, of the 18th September, 1717, for issuing commissions [*fo.* 122, 131] for the trial of pirates in America, approving the same, and ordering warrants for passing such commissions accordingly, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 13th February, 1717-18, upon a representation of this Board, of the 10th of that month, proposing what persons shall be appointed commissioners for trying of pirates in the plantations, approving the same, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 9th February, 1717-18, upon a representation of this Board, of the 16th October, 1717, for confirming a grant made by the Lord Archibald Hamilton to Edward Pennant and Anthony Swymmer, of an escheated estate in Jamaica, approving the said representation, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 9th February, 1717-18, upon a representation of this Board, of the 23rd October, 1717, for confirming four Acts passed in Jamaica in 1711, 1712, and 1715-16, approving the said representation, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 9th February, 1717-18, upon a representation of this Board, of 23rd October, 1717, for repealing several Acts of Jamaica, approving the said representation, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 9th January, 1717-18, upon a representation of this Board, of the 24th October, 1717, for removing Samuel Page, Deputy-Secretary of Jamaica, from all offices of trust in that Island, &c., approving the said representation, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 9th February, 1717-18, upon a representation of this Board, of the 23rd January last, on the

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*Act.
King's Bench Court.*

St. Christophers.
Order of Council.

Acts.

Carolina.
*Sir Robert
Montgomery.
New settlement.*

30,000*l.*—*fund.*

*Governor for life,
independent.*

Plantations General.
*Order of Council.
Commissions.
Trial of pirates.
Warrants.*

Order of Council.

*Commissioners
trying pirates.*

Jamaica.
*Order of Council.
Lord A. Hamilton's
grant.
Pennant & Swymmer,
escheated estate.*

*Order of Council.
Acts,
confirmed.*

*Order of Council.
Acts,
repealed.*

Order of Council.

*S. Page,
Deputy Secretary.*

Order of Council.

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*W. Cockburn's
petition.**Order of Council.**Receiver General.
Money advanced.***Trade.***Solicitor and others,
Fishery,
summoned.*

petition of William Cockburn Esqr. [*fo.* 82] relating to an appeal to be brought on a suit at law in Jamaica, referring the same to the Committee for Hearing Appeals, was read.

Copy of an Order of Council, of the 9th February, 1717-18, upon a representation of this Board of the 18th September, 1717, approving the said representation, and ordering the Governor of Jamaica to recommend the case of the Receiver-General of that Island, to the Assembly there, for the repayment of money advanced for the service of that Island, was read.

Ordered that the solicitor for the lords and others [*fo.* 123, 132], whose petition relating to the fishery is referred to this Board, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with such of them as shall think fit to come to the Office on Thursday morning next.

February 27. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

St. Christophers.
*Mr. Duport.
Mr. Attorney's
objections.
Act.*

Mr. Duport attending, according to appointment, he was acquainted with the objections Mr. Attorney General has made in his report, read the 24th instant, to the Act of St. Christophers, entituled, *an Act for settling the estates and titles of the inhabitants of this Island, to their possessions within the same;*—and Mr. Duport was particularly asked whether he knew of any claims made to estates in the said Island by any persons or their heirs who had been in rebellion against the Crown of England, but for want of civil administration in time of war, had no legal process made against them; he said, he had heard of several, and particularly instanced a case of one Bodkin which was mentioned in the petition of Captain Thauvet, lately before this Board.—He added, that he had formerly sent to Mr. Lambert, Lieut. Governor of St. Christophers, the model of an Act drawn by Mr. Attorney General, to be passed there, and answer the intent of this Act abovementioned, without being liable to the same objection; but that he did not know whether there had been any proceedings thereupon.

*Letter to
General Hamilton.*

Mr. Duport being withdrawn, some directions were given for writing to Genl. Hamilton, on the subject of the said Act. [*v.* Leeward Islands, *J. fol.* 234, 3rd March, 1717-18.]

Plantations General.
*Papers,
Pirates,
West Indies,
List.
Commons address.*

The copies of several other papers relating to pirates in the West Indies [*fo.* 128, 333], being laid before the Board, with a list thereof, Mr. Chetwynd was desired to lay the same before the House of Commons, pursuant to their Address, mentioned in the minutes of the 21st instant, which he promised accordingly.

Trade.
*Petitioners.
Fishery-patent.*

The Earl of Clarendon [*fo.* 130, 151, 226], the Earl of Yarmouth, the Lord Ross, Sir George Matthews, and several others, the petitioners for a patent or charter for carrying on and improving the fishery, attending, they were asked what they had to offer on that subject; whereupon, after some discourse concerning the general advantages which the petitioners propose to the publick, they desired to have such questions in writing as the Board might desire them to answer, which was accordingly agreed; and the petitioners being withdrawn, ordered that the Secretary write to Mr. Weston, their solicitor, signifying the desire of this Board to have in writing

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Mr. Weston.*

the heads of what they propose to have granted to them by the charter desired.

Mr. Cole [*fo.* 115, 138], Mr. Bradley, Mr. Billingsley, and others who petition for a charter of incorporation for insuring ships and goods at sea, presented to the Board the heads of such a charter as they desire, as likewise a list of several insurers in London, who have failed, and they particularly observed that five or six of them were become bankrupt since they had signed the petition against such a charter.

Sir Robert Montgomery [*fo.* 127, 140] attending, communicated to their lordships the grant which he hath by lease and release from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, of a tract of land in that province, which he proposes to settle, and whereof he desires the government for life.

A letter from Mr. Byrd [*fo.* 99, 135], of the 24th instant, relating to his petition concerning judges of oyer and terminer in Virginia, was read; and a progress made in considering the draught of a representation on that subject.

February 28. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney.

The draught of a representation upon the petition of Mr. Byrd, relating to judges in the courts of oyer and terminer in Virginia, was agreed, and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Cuming [*fo.* 142], Surveyor of the Customs at Boston in New England, dated the 28th of last month, was read; whereupon ordered that the Secretary transmit a copy thereof to Mr. Carkesse, to be laid before the Commissioners of the Customs, with the desire of this Board, that their Lordships may have the opinion of the said Commissioners, as soon as conveniently may be, of the expediency of what Mr. Cuming proposes.

Ordered that General Nicholson [*fo.* 124, 149] be reminded of the memorial desired of him in writing, the 6th of June last, concerning the title to the lands between Nova Scotia and New England; and that he be acquainted, ye Board would be glad to receive the said memorial as soon as possible.

Ordered that Mr. Godolphin [*fo.* 103, 134], Register of the trading vessels of Great Britain, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Monday morning next.

Their Lordships made a further progress in considering several papers before them, relating to the Commerce of this kingdom with Venice.

A letter from Capt. Passenger, late Commodore at Newfoundland, to the Secretary relating to the ill practices of the New England men at Newfoundland, dated the 20th of October last, was read; whereupon directions were given for preparing an additional article to the heads of enquiry for the Commodore of this year's convoy, and an answer to Mr. Burchett's letter, mentioned in the minutes of the 24th instant.

The draught of a letter to the Earl of Sunderland, relating to the attendance of one of His Majesty's counsel at law, on the service of this Board, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

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*Petitioners for
insuring ships,
heads of a charter, etc.*

Carolina.
*Sir Robert
Montgomery.
Grant.*

Virginia.
*Letter from
Mr. Byrd.
Judges of oyer, etc.
Representation.*

*Representation.
Byrd's petition.
Courts of oyer, etc.*

New England.
*Letter from
Mr. Cuming.
Copy to
Mr. Carkesse.*

*General Nicholson.
Memorial,
promised.
Title to lands.*

Trade.
*Mr. Godolphin,
Register,
summoned.
Papers.
Commerce with
Venice.*

Newfoundland.
*Letter from
Captain Passenger,
ill practices.
Additional article.
Heads of enquiry.
Answer to
Mr. Burchett.*

Plantations General.
*Letter to
Earl of Sunderland.
Counsel at law's
attendance.*

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Virginia.
Representation.
Byrd's petition.
Judges of oyer, etc.
Plantations General.
Letter to
Earl of Sunderland.
Counsel at law's
attendance.

Leeward Islands.
Letter to
General Hamilton.
Newfoundland.
Heads of enquiry.
Commodore's
instructions.
Letter to
Mr. Burchett.

Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.
Letter from
Earl of Sutherland.
Colonel Philips's
memorial.

Trade.
Mr. Cole summoned.
Mr. Godolphin.

Bill.
British-built ships ;
his answer to queries.

Letter to
Attorney General.

Jamaica.
Letter to Sir
Nicholas Lawes.
Wood's objections.
Act.
Disaffected persons.

Trade.
Letter to Mr.
Attorney General.
Bill.
British-built ships.

Mr. Godolphin's
answer to queries,

sent Mr. Carkesse.

March 3. Present :—Earl of Holdernessee, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A representation upon the petition of Mr. Byrd, relating to judges in the courts of oyer and terminer in Virginia, as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, relating to the attendance of one of His Majesty's counsel at law on this Board, for the better dispatch of the Acts of the Plantations, was agreed and signed.

The draught of a letter from the Secretary to General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

The heads of enquiry and instructions for the Commodore [fo. 123, 152] of the Newfoundland convoy, being laid before the Board, the draught of a letter from the Secretary, for inclosing the same to Mr. Burchett, to be laid before the Lords of the Admiralty, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

A letter from the Earl of Sunderland, of the 21st of last month, referring to the Board a memorial from Col. Philips [fo. 145, 177], Governor of Placentia and Annapolis Royal, was read ; and their Lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration at the first opportunity.

Ordered that Mr. Cole be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Thursday morning next.

Mr. Godolphin [fo. 134, 138] attending, according to appointment, their Lordships had some discourse with him, relating to the draught of a Bill for preserving the right of British-built ships ; and a letter from him of the 17th, in answer to the queries sent him in the Secretary's letter of the 10th of last month, was read.

Mr. Godolphin being withdrawn, ordered that the Secretary prepare a letter to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion concerning what is mentioned in the said draught of a Bill, about commuting certain forfeitures of ships into aliens duties.

March 4. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The draught of a letter from the Secretary, to Sir Nicholas Lawes, [fo. 120] appointed Governor of Jamaica, upon Mr. Wood's objections to an Act passed in that Island in 1716, entitled, an Act for the effectual discovery of all persons that are disaffected to His Majesty, and his Government, &c., mentioned in the minutes of the 20th of last month, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

The draught of a letter from the Secretary to Mr. Attorney General [fo. 136, 188], for his opinion concerning what is mentioned in the draught of a Bill prepared by Mr. Godolphin, for preserving the right of British-built ships, about commuting certain forfeitures of ships into aliens duties, was agreed, and ordered to be sent.

Ordered that an extract of Mr. Godolphin's answer to the queries sent him in the Secretary's letter of the 10th of last month, relating to foreign built ships, (from his answer to the 3rd query inclusive, to the end) to be sent to Mr. Carkesse, in order to know whether

the Commissioners of the Customs agree in the facts contained in the said extract.

An Order of Council, of the 2nd February, 1717-18, referring to this Board and to Mr. Attorney and Solicitor General, the petition [*fo.* 132, 144] of several merchants, &c., of Bristol, against the passing a charter for incorporating a number of persons for insuring ships, &c., at sea, was read, together with the said petition; whereupon ordered that Mr. Dowse, solicitor for the petitioners, be acquainted that their Lordships desire to have, as soon as may be, in writing, what they have to offer against such a charter.

The draught of a circular letter, ordered the 17th of last month, [*fo.* 113, 141] to be prepared, to the several governors of His Majesty's plantations on the continent of America, to use their endeavours for preventing frauds in procuring præmiums on the importation of pitch and tar into this kingdom, by the ill making up of those commodities, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

The draught of a letter to Colonel Shute, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Bridger [*fo.* 146], Surveyor of His Majesty's Woods on the continent of America, dated at Portsmouth in New Hampshire, was read, and directions given for preparing an answer thereto.

A letter from Mr. Willard, Secretary of the Massachusetts Bay, dated the 23rd of December, 1717, relating particularly to some Acts of that Province, about the fees of his office, was read; and their Lordships resolved to take the said Acts into consideration at the first opportunity.

Ordered that Col. Blakiston and Mr. Micajah Perry be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them to-morrow morning.

March 5. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Col. Blakiston and Mr. Micajah Perry attending, as desired, they were severally asked their opinion concerning the proposal of Sir Robert Montgomery [*fo.* 132, 143], for making a settlement in the south part of Carolina, particularly as to it's affecting Virginia. Whereupon they said, they thought, it could be no detriment to Virginia, but if the direction of such a settlement were under the care of a good man, it would be a publick advantage, especially to Carolina itself.

Their Lordships signed circular letters [*fo.* 139], as agreed yesterday, to the Governors of His Majesty's plantations on the continent of America, for preventing frauds in procuring præmiums on the importation of pitch and tar into this kingdom, by the ill making up of those commodities.

A memorial from Mr. Griffith [*fo.* 111, 170], relating to the exportation of wool from Ireland to France, and other illegal trade, with proposals for preventing the same, were read; whereupon ordered that a copy thereof, and of the letter from Mr. Griffith,

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Order of Council.

*Bristol merchants
petition
against charter
insuring ships, etc.
Mr. Dowse,
solicitor.*

Objections in writing.

Plantations General.
Circular letter.

*Frauds.
Præmiums.
Pitch and tar.*

Massachusetts.
*Letter to
Colonel Shute.*

*Letter from
Mr. Bridger.
Answer.*

*Letter from
Mr. Willard.
Acts, fees.*

Carolina.

*Colonel Blakiston,
M. Perry,
Sir Robert
Montgomery's
settlement.*

Plantations General.**Pennsylvania.****Virginia.****Carolina.****New York.****New Jersey.***Circular letters.**Frauds.**Præmiums.**Pitch and tar.***Trade.****Ireland.**

*Griffith's memorial.
Wool exported,
illegal trade.*

1717—18.

*Letter to Mr.
Stanhope, Treasury.*

on the same subject, inclosed in Mr. Carkesse's letter, mentioned in the minutes of the 14th January last, be sent to Mr. Stanhope, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury.

March 6. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Nevis.
South and Watson.

Mr. Humphry South, and Mr. Martin Watson attending, and their powers of attorney being examined at the Board, from Margaret Tovey, executrix of Anne Ling, and from Mary Frances and Anne Hill, which four last were sufferers by the French invasion of Nevis, in 1706, the debenture numbered 412, was delivered to the said Mr. South and Mr. Watson.

Debenture.

New England.
*Letter to
Mr. Cumyng.*

The draught of a letter from the Secretary to Mr. Cumyng [fo. 134, 417], Collector of the Customs at Boston in New England, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

*Letter to
Colonel Shute.*

A letter to Col. Shute, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, was signed.

Trade.
*Mr. Cole.
Treaty of commerce,
Venice.*

Mr. Cole, late Resident at Venice, attending, their Lordships had some discourse with him concerning the project of a treaty of commerce [fo. 109, 162] between this kingdom and that state; (Vide Trade H. fol. 157). And Mr. Cole promising to consider the said project, and give their Lordships in writing, what remarks or observations he had to make thereupon, the project was ordered to be sent him for that purpose.

Observations.

March 7. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Carolina.
*Lords Proprietors.
Grant.
Sir Robert
Montgomery.
Attorney General.*

Upon consideration of the grant made by lease and release from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, of a tract of land in the south part of that province, to Sir Robert Montgomery, of which tract Sir Robert desires the government for his life; ordered that copies of the said lease and release be sent to Mr. Attorney General, for his opinion whether anything be contained therein, prejudicial to the right of the Crown.

Bahamas.
*Lords Proprietors.
Surrender of
government.*

The deed or instrument of surrender [fo. 30, 233] to His Majesty, from four of the Lords Proprietors of the Bahama Islands, of their right to the government of the said islands, being laid again before the Board; ordered that the same be sent to Mr. Attorney General, in order to be inrolled in Chancery, in case Mr. Attorney have no objection thereto.

New York.
Mr. Basket summoned.

Ordered that Mr. Basket, His Majesty's Printer, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Monday morning next.

Trade.
*Mr. Erle,
Sir William Daines,
and other
Bristol merchants
against a charter for
insuring ships, etc.*

Mr. Erle and Sir William Daines, with the several other merchants, etc. [fo. 138, 163], of Bristol, undermentioned, vizt.; Mr. Thomas Merriweath, Mr. John Gosley, Capt. Freke, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Goskham and Mr. Smallwood, attending, their Lordships had some discourse with them on the subject of their petition against any charter or incorporation for insuring ships, &c., at sea, and after they had represented their own as well as the aversion of all the traders of that city, against such a charter, they were desired to put their objections and whatever else they had to offer on that subject, into

writing, and to lay them before the Board, as soon as conveniently they could, which they promised to do accordingly.

The copy of Col. Philips's commissions [*fo.* 136, 177] to be Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, and towns and garrisons of Annapolis Royal in the said province, and of Placentia in Newfoundland, being transmitted from the Secretary's Office, were laid before the Board.

March 10. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Col. Heywood [*fo.* 90, 145], Commander in Chief of Jamaica, dated the 21st of December last, relating chiefly to pirates, was read: whereupon a letter was signed by their Lordships, for inclosing to Mr. Secretary Addison, a copy of that from Mr. Heywood, and directions were given to the Secretary, for sending another copy thereof to Mr. Burchett, to be laid before the Lords of the Admiralty.

A letter from the Lord Guilford, (guardian to the Lord Baltemore, Proprietor of Maryland) dated the 6th instant, with one from Capt. Hart, Governor of that province, and a proclamation against illegal trade with the French settlements, was read.

The copies of Lieut. Col. Purcell's and Capt. Doucett's commissions, the former to be Lieut. Governor of Placentia in Newfoundland, the latter of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, being communicated from the Secretary's Office; the same were read.

Upon further consideration of the petition of several lords and others, for a charter for carrying on and improving the fishery; ordered that the Secretary write to Sir James Bateman, Sub-Governor of the South Sea Company, to know whether the said company have any objections to such a charter being granted to the petitioners.

The draught of a letter, directed the 4th instant, to be prepared, from the Secretary to Mr. Bridger [*fo.* 139, 148], Surveyor of His Majesty's Woods on the continent of America, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

March 11. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Genl. Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, without date, was read, and the papers undermentioned, therein referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt.:—

Copy of a deposition and two informations on oath relating to pirates.

List of the inhabitants of Anguilla, with their negroes.

Copy of an address from the inhabitants of Anguilla, to Genl. Hamilton, desiring to remove to Crabb Island.

List of the inhabitants of Spanish Town, taken the 18th November, 1717.

Copy of a petition of the inhabitants of Spanish Town, desiring to remove to St. Croix,

1717—18.

**Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.**
*Colonel Philips's
commissions.*

Jamaica.
*Letter from
Colonel Heywood.
Pirates.
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Letter to
Mr. Burchett.*

Maryland.
*Letter from
Lord Guilford,
from Captain Hart,
illegal trade,
French settlements.*
**Newfoundland.
Nova Scotia.**
*Colonel Purcell's.
Captain Doucett's
commissions.*

Trade.
*Charter
fishery.
Letter to Sir
James Bateman.
South Sea company.
Objections.*

New England.
*Letter to
Mr. Bridger.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter from
General Hamilton.*

Papers.

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List of the inhabitants of Tortola, taken the 14th November, 1717.

List of men, and negroes able to bear arms, on Crabb Island.

Copy of instructions from Genl. Hamilton to Capt. Marshall, whom he sent to the Governor of St. Thomas, on occasion of the design of the Danes to settle St. John's.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Pirates ;
man-of-war.*

*Letter to
Mr. Burchett.*

*New England.
General Nicholson
summoned.
Dummer's memorial,*

*against Mr.
Bridger.*

*Mr. Dummer
summoned.*

Whereupon a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, inclosing an extract of Genl. Hamilton's said letter, relating to the pirates, and to the man-of-war at the Leeward Islands, for His Majesty's pleasure thereupon, was signed ; and directions given to the Secretary for sending the like extract to Mr. Burchett, to be laid before the Lords of the Admiralty.

Ordered that Genl. Nicholson be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him to-morrow morning.

A memorial from Mr. Dummer [*fo.* 146, 154], in behalf of the Lieut. Governor, Council and Representatives of the province of New Hampshire, complaining of Mr. Bridger, Surveyor of the Woods on the continent of America, was read ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Dummer be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Friday morning next.

March 12. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

*New England.
Nova Scotia.
General Nicholson.
Lands.
Coram's settlement.*

*Land.
Coram's settlement.*

General Nicholson [*fo.* 134, 153] attending, as desired, their Lordships had some discourse with him concerning the lands between Nova Scotia and New England, on which Mr. Coram and several disbanded officers and soldiers propose to make a settlement ; and General Nicholson being asked several questions, he acquainted the Board, that in the reign of King Charles the Second, the then Duke of York had a grant of the land between Kennebeck and St. Croix, in a distinct patent from the other grants made to him ;—that the said land was under the government of New York, till the said Duke's accession to the Crown, when it was taken from New York, and added to the government of New England ;—that the said land was not comprehended in the first charter to the Massachusetts Bay ;—that by the last charter to the Massachusetts, the government, but not the soil, as he believed, of the tract above-mentioned, was granted to that colony, as likewise all Nova Scotia, which were both, at the time of granting, in the possession of the French ; that the fort at Pemaquid was built by Sir Edmond Andross, had been twice taken by the French and Indians, and that he knew not any land, to which so many various titles have been set up ; and as to the bounds of the Massachusetts, they remain in dispute :—being particularly asked what assistance if any, the Massachusetts had given in reducing Nova Scotia, &c., from the French, General Nicholson said, they had furnished a number of men, and been at other expences in that expedition, according to his instructions from Her late Majesty, which he produced, as likewise his commission, together with a paper under the hand and seal of Monsieur Subercase, the late French Governor of Accadie or Nova Scotia, in the title whereof it appears how far the govern-

ment of the French extended ; all which was surrendered to the English, according to that summons, whereof a copy was produced and read. [Vide New England T. 13).

General Nicholson being withdrawn, their Lordships took into further consideration the petition of Sir Alexander Cairnes and others, for a tract of land in Nova Scotia ; whereupon a letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, relating to the liberty of fishing on that coast, was agreed and signed.

Ordered that Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor Genl. be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them on Friday morning next.

March 13. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter from Mr. Wescomb, dated yesterday, desiring that the Court of Directors of the South Sea Company [*fo.* 132, 152, 173] may have a copy of the petition, &c., for a corporation to carry on and improve the fishery of this kingdom, in order to the Company's returning an answer to the letter which the Secretary writ by order of the Board, the 10th instant, to Sir James Bateman, Sub-Governor of the said Company, was read ; whereupon a letter from the Secretary to the said Mr. Wescomb, for inclosing a copy of the said petition, and desiring to know what the South Sea Company have done upon that part of the Act for their incorporation, which relates to the fishery, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

An attested copy of the Levant or Turkey Company's Charter, was laid before the Board, and ordered to be entered for the use of the Office.

A letter from Mr. Burchett [*fo.* 136], Secretary to the Lords of the Admiralty, dated yesterday, signifying that the heads of enquiry, &c., for the commodore of the Newfoundland convoy, have been sent to Capt. Scott, was read.

A letter from Sir Nicholas Lawes [*fo.* 161], appointed Governor of Jamaica, to the Secretary, dated at Portsmouth, the 7th instant, was read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing an answer thereto.

Sir Edward Northey and Sir William Thomson, His Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor-General, attending, their Lordships had some discourse with them concerning the lands [*fo.* 149, 154] between Kennebeck and St. Croix, on the borders of Nova Scotia, upon which Mr. Coram and several disbanded officers and soldiers, &c., propose to make a settlement ; and it being observed that the said tract of land was in possession of the French, as well as Nova Scotia, at the time of granting the last charter to the Massachusetts Bay, wherein that tract, as well as Nova Scotia, is comprehended ; they were asked, whether the said grant was valid, to which they answered, that they thought, it was not ; but they said, that the land being granted, they thought 'twas reasonable, that those grants should be confirmed after the cession made by France, there being a difference between Nova Scotia and the land abovementioned, the former having been indisputably taken and possessed by the French, and the conquest of the latter being disputed.

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Nova Scotia.
Sir Alexander.
Cairnes's petition
Letter to Mr.
Secretary Addison.

Mr. Attorney
General and
Solicitor General.
summoned.

Trade.
Letter from
Mr. Wescomb.
South Sea company,
Fishery-corporation.

Letter to
Mr. Wescomb.

Turkey Company's
Charter.

Newfoundland.
Letter from
Mr. Burchett.
Heads of enquiry.
Captain Scott.

Jamaica.
Letter from
Sir N. Lawes.
Answer.

New England.

Lands.

Coram's settlement.

1717—18.

March 14. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

New England.
Mr. Dummer.

Mr. Dummer [*fo.* 148, 162] attending, according to appointment, he was asked whether he was Agent for the province of New Hampshire, to which he answered, that he was not, but that Mr. Newman, who was named for that employment, had declined it, and therefore the Governor of New Hampshire had desired him, the said Mr. Dummer, to lay before this Board the complaint contained in his memorial, which was read the 11th instant, against Mr. Bridger, Surveyor of the Woods on the continent of North America. Upon further discourse with Mr. Dummer, he said, he had no copy of the order issued by Mr. Bridger against cutting the woods, as mentioned in the said memorial, but that he would bring to their Lordships what papers he had relating to the said complaint; he added, in relation to any licences which might be proposed for giving liberty to persons desiring it, to cut such wood as was not fit for masts or other uses of the Navy, that such a trust lodged in any one person, would be a great temptation, except he were one of good fortune and very great probity.—Their Lordships then inquired of Mr. Dummer what he took to be the limits [*fo.* 153, 162] of Nova Scotia, and had some other discourse with him concerning the lands between New England and Nova Scotia, which Mr. Coram and others propose to settle, whereupon he said that Nova Scotia extended from Cape Breton to St. Croix; that as to the lands desired by Mr. Coram, &c., the French were never in absolute possession or ever settled them, but that excursions were made on both sides, and it became a sort of derelict place; that there are various sorts of grants of lands in that place, some under the Council of Plimouth, some under the charter of the Massachusetts, and others by purchase from the Indians; in conclusion, Mr. Dummer said, that if the lands from Kennebeck to Penobscot, were confirmed to the colony of the Massachusetts, they would be willing to relinquish their claims to the rest, which, upon being asked, he acquainted the Board, that he had authority to offer; whereupon he was desired to bring his proposal for that purpose in writing.

*Memorial
against Bridger.*

*Licences to cut wood,
etc.*

*Limits of Nova Scotia.
Lands.*

Coram's settlement.

Different grants.

Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.
*Colonel Philips
summoned.*

Ordered that Col. Philips, appointed Governor of Nova Scotia and Placentia, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Tuesday morning next.

March 17. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The copies of two reports from the Comptrollers of the Accounts of the, &c., dated the 22nd of June and 29th of July, 1717, the former relating to the garrison [*fo.* 214] of Annapolis Royal and the province of Nova Scotia; the latter concerning Placentia, and the trade and fishery of Newfoundland, were read.

Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.
Report.
*Comptrollers of the
army.*
*Annapolis Royal,
Placentia, etc.*

Trade.
*Mr. Secretary
Addison's letter.
la Roche,
Treasurer of the
factory, Lisbon.*

Upon further consideration of Mr. Secretary Addison's letter of the 6th January last [*fo.* 60, 169], and the papers therein referred to, relating to Mr. la Roche's refusing to accept the office of Treasurer of the Factory at Lisbon, mentioned in the minutes of the 7th of the same month; ordered that a copy of His Majesty's Commission

to the Consul at Lisbon, together with a short state of the said Mr. la Roche's case, be sent to Mr. Solicitor General; and that he be desired to let the Board have his opinion what penalties His Majesty may legally inflict on the said la Roche, for refusing to accept the office of Treasurer, as aforesaid.

1717—18.
*Consul's commission,
la Roche's case.
Mr. Solicitor
General.
Penalties.
Refusing.*

March 18. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Attorney General's report upon three Acts passed at Antigua, entituled as follows, vizt. :—

Antigua.
*Attorney General's
report.
Acts.*

An Act to prevent the increase of papists and non-jurors in this island, and for better governing those who are already settled here.—Passed March 2nd, 1715.

An Act for the erecting and building a new church in the town of St. John's in this island, in the room and stead of the present parochial church of the parish of St. John's, in the town aforesaid; and for raising a yearly reasonable tax for maintaining and constant repairing the same.—Passed in November, 1716.

An Act to quiet present possessors of lands, to limit actions, and avoid suits at law.—Passed in February, 1716-17.

was read.

The petition [*fo.* 187] of several Popish inhabitants of Antigua, against the said Act to prevent the increase of papists, &c., was likewise read; whereupon ordered that the petitioners have notice to attend the Board on Friday morning next.

*Petition against
act
about papists.*

Col. Gardner attending, in behalf of Col. Philips, who was appointed to attend this day, in relation to his memorial, read the 3rd instant, concerning Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, Col. Gardner acquainted the Board that Col. Philips was very much indisposed, and if their Lordships had any commands for Col. Philips, he would signify them to him. Whereupon Colonel Gardner was desired to let him know, the Board should be glad to speak with him and Captain Willis, mentioned in his said memorial, at the first opportunity.

**Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.**
*Colonel Gardner
for
Colonel Philips,
memorial.*

Captain Willis.

A memorial from Richard Lightfoot, Esqr. praying to be appointed of His Majesty's Council in the island of Barbadoes, was read, together with a recommendation of the said Mr. Lightfoot from the Duke of Newcastle and Bishop of Sarum; whereupon ordered that Mr. Lightfoot's name be inserted in the list of persons recommended to be of the Council in the said island.

Barbadoes.
*Mr. Lightfoot.
Memorial
to be of the Council,
recommended.*

The draught of a letter to Mr. Keith [*fo.* 92, 160], Deputy-Governor of Pennsylvania, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Pennsylvania.
Letter to Mr. Keith.

Mr. Basket [*fo.* 177], His Majesty's Printer, attending, about printing the laws of New York, and other plantations, their Lordships had some discourse with him on that subject, and being satisfied with the print and paper of the proof-sheets produced, their Lordships proposed to allow him a penny per sheet, for printing the said laws, which was left to the said Mr. Basket's consideration.

Plantations General.
*Mr. Basket
about
printing the laws.*

1717—18.

Trade.
Letter from Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Mr. Bubb,
Spanish Minister.
Valuation English
goods.
Answer to Mr.
Secretary Addison.
Pennsylvania.

March 19. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 6th November last, with an answer from Mr. Bubb, His Majesty's late Minister in Spain, relating to the new valuations [*fo.* 164] of English goods there, was read, as likewise the draught of a letter in answer to that abovementioned from Mr. Secretary Addison; whereupon a progress was made in the consideration thereof, and their Lordships resolved to reconsider the same on Tuesday morning next.

A letter to Mr. Keith [*fo.* 92], Deputy-Governor of Pennsylvania, as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Jamaica.
Order of Council.
Acts, confirmed.
Repealed.

New Jersey.
Order of Council.
Acts.

Jamaica.
Sir N. Lawes.

New Jersey.
Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.

Trade.
Mr. Cole's
observations.
Treaty of commerce,
Venice.

March 20. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Three Orders of Council, under the Seal of the Privy Council, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

An Order of Council, of the 9th February last, for confirming several Acts of Jamaica, therein mentioned.

An Order of Council, of the same date, for repealing several Acts of Jamaica, therein mentioned, and,

An Order of Council, of the 13th of the same month, for confirming two Acts of New Jersey, therein mentioned. [This paragraph is deleted in the original, and the words "v. fol. 125" appears in the right hand margin.]

Whereupon directions were given for transmitting to Sir Nicholas Lawes [*fo.* 152, 184], the said two Orders relating to the Acts of Jamaica, with the next letter that shall be writ to him.

And a letter to Brigadier Hunter [*fo.* 125], for inclosing the Order abovementioned, relating to the Acts of New Jersey, was now agreed and signed.

Mr. Cole's observations [*fo.* 109, 142, 209] upon the project of a treaty of commerce with Venice, were read, together with the said project, and their Lordships made a progress in the consideration thereof.

March 21. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

New England.
Letter from
Mr. Dummer.
Memorial.
Lands.
Coram's settlement.
Minutes.
Bridger.

A letter from Mr. Dummer [*fo.* 154–155, 207], Agent for the province of the Massachusetts Bay, inclosing a memorial and petition from himself to the Board, proposing a division of the lands between the Rivers Quennebeck and St. Croix, on which Mr. Coram and others have desired a settlement, was read, as also a copy of some minutes of the Council and Assembly of New Hampshire, relating to Mr. Bridger's [*fo.* 154, 418] restraining the inhabitants of that province from cutting timber in His Majesty's Woods. Whereupon their Lordships agreed to consider the said proposal for dividing the lands abovementioned, with the papers which have been received from Mr. Coram, the Marquis de Wignacourt and several disbanded officers and soldiers, &c., And as to the said minutes from New Hampshire, relating to the restraint from cutting His Majesty's

woods there, ordered that Mr. Dummer be acquainted that the application in that affair from the Council and Assembly, appears to be to the Governor; and that he, the said Mr. Dummer, does not seem to have any authority to move therein.

The heads of a charter [*fo.* 138, 144, 187], (received from Mr. Cole) for incorporating several persons for insuring ships and merchandize at sea, were read; with a list of private insurers who have proved insolvent, as also the reasons offered by several merchants of London against such a charter. Whereupon their Lordships gave directions for communicating to the petitioners for the said charter the reasons against it, as abovementioned, in order to such observations, or answer as the said petitioners may have to make on that subject.

March 25. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 195], Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, dated the 20th instant, with an extract of a letter from Carolina, relating to an Act passed in that province, by which a duty of 10 per cent. is laid on the manufactures of Great Britain, was read, as likewise the said extract; whereupon directions were given for preparing a letter to Mr. Solicitor-General, on that subject.

A letter from Mr. Wood, dated the 20th instant, relating to the petition of Mr. John Beswick and other Jamaica merchants, was read; whereupon ordered that he be acquainted, the Board have represented that matter in their letter to Mr. Secretary Addison, dated the 5th of last month.

Their Lordships then made a further progress in considering the draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs, in answer to that mentioned in the minutes of the 19th instant, from Mr. Addison, relating to the valuation of English goods in Spain.

March 26. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Two Acts passed at Nevis in October and November last, entitled, An Act for the good government of negroes and other slaves in this island, and

An Act for laying a duty on French sugars, rum and molosses imported into this island, being laid before the Board; ordered that the said Acts be sent to Mr. Solicitor-Genl. for his opinion thereupon, as soon as conveniently may be.

Their Lordships then proceeded in considering the several Acts undermentioned, passed in 1715-16, in 1716 and 1716-17, in the Island of Barbadoes, whereupon such of them as had not been before read at the Board, were now read; and their Lordships agreed upon each respective Act, according as is mentioned under the title thereof, or to note what appeared to the Board on such Act, vizt. :—

1717—18.

*Mr. Dummer,
no authority, etc.*

Trade.

*Heads of a Charter
insuring ships, etc.
Private insurers
insolvent.*

*Reasons against the
charter.*

1718.

Carolina.

*Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Act.
10 per cent. duty
British manufactures.
Letter to Mr.
Solicitor General.*

Jamaica.

*Letter from
Mr. Wood.
Beswick's petition.*

Trade.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Craggs.
Valuation English
goods in Spain.*

Nevis.

Acts.

Solicitor-General.

Barbadoes.

Acts.

1718.

An Act for defraying the expence of the commissioners appointed for making contracts for timber, &c., for the use and repair of the fortifications. Passed the 25th January, 1715-16.

To lye by probationary.

An Act empowering ye Treasurer of this Island to discharge the arrears due to Mr. Arthur Zouch, late Clerk to the General Assembly. Passed the 25th January, 1715-16.

Has had its effect.

An Act empowering ye freeholders to choose a vestry. Passed the 21st of February, 1715-16.

Has had its effect.

An Act empowering the Committee of Publick Accounts to allow the sum of 19*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* to the credit of the Honble. Thomas Maycock, Esqr. late Treasurer. Passed the 21st of February, 1715-16.

Has had its effect.

An Act for the relief of the creditors of James Vaughan, Esqr. Passed the 22nd of February, 1715-16.

To lye by, till application by the persons concerned ; being a matter of private property.

An Act for the encouragement of John Perrat, gentleman, in his new improvements of windmills for grinding sugar-canes. Passed 31st May, 1716.

To lye by probationary. No objection to it.

An Act to provide for the entertainment of the Court of Grand Sessions, which is to be held on the 2nd Tuesday in June next. Passed 31st May, 1716.

Has had its effect. No objection.

An Act for giving further time to collect the late levy on the several inhabitants of this Island. Passed October 30th, 1716.

Has had its effect. No objection.

An Act appointing agents to transact and negotiate the affairs of this island in Great Britain. Passed October 30th, 1716.

Has had its effect. No objection.

An Act to confirm and make more effectual certain deeds or indentures of lease and release, &c., between His Excellency Robert Lowther, &c., and the Right Honble. Katherine Viscountess Lonsdale, and James Lowther, &c. Passed December 18th, 1716.

Being a matter of private property ; to be referred to Attorney or Solicitor-Genl. when application made by any person for it.

An Act for collecting several sums of money due and in arrear to the publick. Passed December 18th, 1716.

Has had its effect.

Then the letter from Mr. Lowther, Govr. of Barbadoes, dated the 20th of July, and mentioned in the minutes of the 18th November 1717, was again read ; whereupon ordered that such part of the said letter as relates to His Majesty's ships of war, be sent to Mr. Burchett, for the information of the Lords of the Admiralty, and some directions were given in order to the preparing an answer to Mr. Lowther's said letter.

*Letter from
Mr. Lowther.*

sent Mr. Burchett.

*Answer to Mr.
Lowther.*

The draught of a letter, ordered the 17th instant, to be prepared, to Mr. Solicitor General, relating to Mr. la Roche's [fo. 156, 177] refusing to accept the treasurership of the factory at Lisbon, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

The draught of a letter from the Secretary to Col. Bennett, Lieut. Governor of Bermuda, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

March 27. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Col. Philips, appointed Governor of Nova Scotia, and the garrisons of Annapolis and Placentia, signifying his being better in health, and ready to wait on the Board in relation to his memorial concerning the said province and garrisons, as mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd instant, was read; whereupon ordered that he be acquainted, ye Board desire to speak with him on Tuesday morning next.

Mr. Ingram and Mr. Crossland attending, presented to the Board two Orders of Council, both dated the 16th instant, and referring to the Board, the one a petition to His Majesty from the merchants, clothiers and others concerned in the woollen manufactory [fo. 141, 177], in the County of Northumberland, the other a petition likewise to His Majesty from the merchants, clothiers and others concerned in the woollen manufactures in and about Leeds in the County of York, which said Orders and petitions were read, as also two other petitions to the Board, presented by the persons above-named, from the merchants and clothiers, &c., of the said places, all praying some remedy may be considered of and applied against exporting wool from this kingdom to France, Sweden and other foreign parts; whereupon Mr. Ingram and Mr. Crossland were desired to bring in writing, as soon as conveniently they could, what they had to propose for preventing the evil complained of in the said petitions, which they promised to do accordingly.

A letter from Col. Bennett, Lieut. Govr. of Bermuda, dated the 3rd of February, 1717-18, was read, as likewise the papers therein referred to, vizt. :—

Copy of a certificate given by Col. Bennett to such pirates as have surrendered.

Copy of a letter from Thomas Nicholls, a pirate, relating to his intended surrender to Col. Bennett, Lieut. Governor of Bermuda.

Copy of a letter from F. Leslie, a pirate, relating to his intended surrender to Col. Bennett.

Whereupon a letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs was immediately drawn up and signed, inclosing an extract of that abovementioned from Col. Bennett, relating to the surrender of some of the pirates at the Bahama Islands.

The draught of a letter to Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

March 28. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New York, &c., dated the 20th of January last, was read, as were likewise the papers therein referred to, vizt. :—

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Trade.

*Letter to Mr.
Solicitor General.
la Roche, Treasurer,
Lisbon.*

Bermuda.

*Letter to
Colonel Bennett.*

Nova Scotia.

Newfoundland.

*Letter from
Colonel Philips.*

*Colonel Philips
summoned.*

Trade.

*Mr. Ingram and
Mr. Crossland.
Orders of Council.
Woollen
manufactory.*

*Remedy against
exporting wool.*

Bermuda.

*Letter from
Colonel Bennett.*

Papers.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Craggs.
Pirates.*

Barbadoes.

*Letter to
Mr. Lowther.*

New York.

*Letter from
Brigadier Hunter.*

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Papers.

Nine licences for whale-fishing commissions, and Lord Cornbury's order for seizing oil, &c., in Mr. Mulford's possession.

Copy of Mr. Attorney-General's report concerning proceedings about the whale fishery at New York.

Address of the General Assembly of New York, to Brigadier Hunter.

Proceedings in the Council of New York, relating to the Assembly's Address about Mr. Mulford.

Remarks by the person who acts as Attorney-General of New York, upon Mr. Mulford's papers of complaints against Brigadier Hunter.

List of Acts passed at New York in 1717.

Mulford's petition.

Mr. Mulford's petition [*fo.* 107, 178], mentioned in the minutes of the 17th June last, as also the state of his case, and a paper entituled, the merchants proposal, relating to whale-fishing at New York, were likewise laid before the Board, and considered; whereupon the draught of a letter to Mr. Solicitor-General, relating to His Majesty's subjects fishing for whales at New York, without licence, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

*Letter to Mr.
Solicitor General.*

Trade.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Craggs,
valuation English
goods in Spain.*

*Letter from
Mr. Wescomb.
South Sea Company.*

*Fishery—charter.***Bermuda.**

*Letter from
Colonel Bennett,
extract*

sent Mr. Burchett.

Barbadoes.

Letter to Mr. Lowther.

Bermuda.

*Mr. Nodin,
Mr. Simpson.
Pirates.*

Colonel Bennett.

*Captain Bennett.**Providence.**Captain Jennings.*

A letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs, in answer to that from Mr. Secretary Addison, of the 6th November last, relating to the valuation [*fo.* 160, 164] of English goods in Spain, was signed.

A letter from Mr. Wescomb [*fo.* 151, 152, 201, 226], by order of the Directors of the South Sea Company, in answer to the Secretary's letters of the 10th and 13th instant, relating to a charter of incorporation for the fishery, and what the said company have done, relating thereto, was read.

Upon further consideration of the letter from Col. Bennett, Lieut. Governor of Bermuda, mentioned in yesterday's minutes; ordered that an extract thereof, relating to the pirates, be sent to Mr. Burchett, for the information of the Lords of the Admiralty.

A letter to Mr. Lowther, Governor of Barbadoes, was signed.

April 1. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Nodin attending, with Mr. Simpson, lately arrived from Bermuda, as had been desired, to give the Board information relating to the pirates [*fo.* 181] who have lately surrendered to Col. Bennett, Lieut. Governor of Bermuda, and to those at Providence who are expected to surrender; the said Mr. Simpson was asked several questions upon that subject; whereupon he said, that he left Bermuda about eight weeks ago;—that Capt. Bennett, son of the said Lieut. Governor, who had been sent by his father in December last, to the island of Providence, with His Majesty's proclamation relating to pirates, returned thence to Bermuda in January, with Capt. Jennings, commander of a pirate vessel, and seven or eight other pirates;—that he the said Mr. Simpson had heard, the pirates at Providence fired upon Capt. Bennett on his arrival at that island, having the day before resolved among themselves to sacrifice the first person that should pretend to offer them a pardon. And that after Capt. Bennett submitted to them,

they held a consult whether they should not destroy him :—that most of the said pirates suspected whether they might safely rely on the proclamation and Col. Bennett's sincerity ; and two other commanders of pirate vessels, who were inclined to surrender, remained at Providence, expecting Capt. Bennett's return and to hear from Jennings concerning the treatment he met with at Bermuda ;—that when Capt. Bennett was at Providence, one of the chief among the pirates named Hornigold was out upon a cruise, but that one of their sloops, which was ready to sail for the same purpose, stayed in harbour till the said Capt. Bennett sailed, and followed him towards Bermuda ;—that as to the number of the said pirates, Mr. Simpson said, they were computed at about four or five hundred men on the island of Providence at the time Capt. Bennett was there, besides those who were then out a cruising :—Mr. Simpson being particularly asked what effects Jennings might bring to Bermuda, if there had been no apprehension of the pirates attacking those islands, and what was meant by Leslie's settling his private affairs at Providence ; he said, that Jennings was reported to have brought money to Bermuda ;—that there had been a talk of the pirates attacking Bermuda with two thousand men, which it was thought they could not do, but for some Bermudians supposed to be of the number of the said pirates, who might serve them as pilots ;—and as to Leslie's remaining at Providence to settle his particular affairs, it was reported he had bought a sloop piratically taken from Bermuda, and would probably dispose of her again before he surrendered, since otherwise it might be expected the sloop should be restored ; and in conclusion he said, that Jennings gave hopes that all or the greatest part of the said pirates would surrender upon Capt. Bennett's return to Providence.

The gentlemen abovementioned being withdrawn, and Col. Philips, appointed Governor of Nova Scotia and Placentia, attending with Col. Gardner, Col. Philips's memorial [fo. 136, 211], mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd of last month, was again taken into consideration, and after some discourse with him thereupon, Col. Philips was desired to let their Lordships have in writing what he had further to offer upon each article.

Mr. Solicitor-General's report [fo. 169, 203], in answer to the letter writ him the 26th of last month, relating to Mr. la Roche's not accepting the office of Treasurer of the Factory at Lisbon, was read ; whereupon ordered that Sir John Lambert, in behalf of the said Mr. la Roche, have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday the 23rd instant, and that Mr. Milner be acquainted that their Lordships desire to speak with him at the same time.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, of the 29th of last month, was read ; and the accounts of the several species of goods imported and exported from Michaelmas, 1696, to Christmas, 1715, and of woollen manufactures [fo. 170, 207, 297] exported from Christmas, 1714, to Christmas, 1715, transmitted with the said letter, were laid before the Board.

A letter from Mr. Basket [fo. 159, 181], dated the 28th past, about printing the laws of the plantations, was read ; whereupon ordered that he be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him to-morrow morning.

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*Hornigold.**Mr. Simpson.**Attacking Bermuda.**Leslie.*

Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.
Colonel Philips.
Colonel Gardner.
Memorial.

Trade.
Solicitor General's
report.
la Roche, Treasurer,
Lisbon.
Sir John Lambert.

Mr. Milner,
summoned.

Letter from
Mr. Carkesse.
Accounts.
Imports and exports.
Woollen
manufactures.

Plantations General.
Letter from
Mr. Basket.
Printing laws.

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New York.*Order Committee of
Council.**Mulford's petition
against**Brigadier Hunter.**Representation.*

An Order of the Lords of the Committee of Council, for hearing appeals and complaints from the plantations, dated the 20th of last month, upon the petition of Samuel Mulford [*fo.* 173, 202] of New York, relating to his complaints against Brigadier Hunter, Governor of the said province, &c., was read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation thereupon, as likewise copies of the letter and papers from Brigadier Hunter, mentioned in the minutes of the 28th of March last, in answer to the said complaints, to be transmitted to the Lords of the said Committee.

*Solicitor General's
report.**Whale-fishery.
Licence.*

Mr. Solicitor-General's report, in answer to the letter writ him the 28th past, relating to His Majesty's subjects fishing for whales at New York, without a licence, was read ; whereupon ordered that a copy be prepared thereof, to be transmitted to the Lords of the said Committee, with the representation last directed to be prepared.

April 2. Present :—Earl of Holdernes, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Barbadoes.*Acts.*

Their Lordships took into consideration the Acts of Barbadoes undermentioned, which were severally read, and the Board agreed upon each Act, according as is expressed under the title thereof, or to note what appeared to their Lordships on such Act, vizt. :—

An Act to enable and empower the Treasurer to pay unto Dr. Pat. Home the arrears due to him on account of the French prisoners. Passed 6th July, 1714.

Has probably had its effect. No objection to it.

An Act for the payment of a debt due from the publick to John Sadler, of Jamaica, Esqr. Passed 6th July, 1714.

Supposed to have had its effect. No objection to it.

An Act appointing an Agent. Passed the 1st September, 1714.

Has had its effect, no objection to it ; but is repealed by an Act of the 28th June, 1715.

An Act for the encouragement of a new projection for grinding of sugar-canes, and drawing of water, &c. Passed the 29th September, 1714.

No objection ; may lye by probationary.

A progress was likewise made in considering the Act passed at Barbadoes, the 16th of July, 1715, entituled,

An Act for laying an imposition on wines and other strong liquors imported this island, to raise money for carrying on the fortifications, for payment of such officers as are or shall be employed here at the publick charge, and for such other publick uses, as are herein appointed, and resolved to proceed therein to-morrow morning.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs, upon the petitions of Anne Low, [*fo.* 83] John Borland, and of John Plowman and Robert Shard, referred to this Board by Mr. Secretary Addison, relating to a patent for curing and importing sturgeon from North America, was signed.

Mr. Basket [*fo.* 177, 462], His Majesty's printer, attending, their Lordships had some discourse with him about printing the plantation laws ; and Mr. Basket said, he could not undertake it, according to the specimen, laid before the Board, of the New York laws,

New England.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Craggs.
Petitions of Low,
Borland, and others.
Sturgeon-patent.*

Plantations General.

New York.
*Mr. Basket,
printing laws.*

for a less price than five farthings per sheet, and to print at least two hundred books, whereupon he was directed to proceed in printing the said laws of New York, at as reasonable a rate as possible.

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Price.

April 3. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Col. Bennett [*fo.* 174, 267], Lieutenant Governor of Bermuda, to the Secretary, dated the 16th of February last, relating to some of the pirates who have surrendered themselves, and others that are expected there from the island of Providence, &c., was read; whereupon a letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs was immediately drawn up and signed for inclosing an extract of that abovementioned from Col. Bennett, and to represent the necessity of commissions being dispatched to empower His Majesty's Governors in America, to pardon such pirates as surrender upon the faith of His Majesty's proclamation.

Bermuda.
Letter from
Colonel Bennett.
Pirates surrendered.

Letter to Mr.
Secretary Craggs.

Commissions to
pardon them.

Ordered that a copy of that part of Col. Bennett's said letter, which relates to the ill state of Carolina, be sent to Mr. Shelton, [*fo.* 216] for the information of the Lords Proprietors of that province, and to know what their Lordships have done, or intend to do, towards the security thereof.

Carolina.
Ill state.
Letter to Mr. Shelton.

The draught of a letter to General Hamilton [*fo.* 189], Governor of the Leeward Islands, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Leeward Islands.
Letter to
General Hamilton.
Antigua.

A letter from General Hamilton [*fo.* 196], to the Board, dated at Antigua, the 8th of February last, was read; and a copy of the minutes of council of that island, of the 3rd of the same month, therein referred to, relating to the suspension of Col. Morris, was laid before the Board.

Letter from
General Hamilton.
Minutes of council.
Colonel Morris
suspended.

A letter from the said Col. Morris, dated likewise at Antigua, the 8th of February last, relating to his suspension from the council there, was read; and the undermentioned copies of depositions, referred to in the said letter, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Letter from
Colonel Morris.

Depositions.

Copy of the deposition of Mrs. Elizabeth Abraham.

Copy of the deposition of Mr. Thomas Mountain.

Copy of the deposition of Mr. Timothy Keefe.

Copy of the deposition of Mrs. Mary Wickham.

Copy of the deposition of John Wickham, Esqr.

Copy of the deposition of Mr. Nathl. Wickham.

Copy of the deposition of Mr. Samuel Parry.

Copy of the deposition of Mr. Philip Abraham.

Copy of the deposition of Mr. Richard Chapman.

Copy of the deposition of Mr. Benjamin Rawleigh.

Copy of the deposition of Mrs. Elizabeth Wickham.

A memorial from Dr. Wickham, praying that the suspension of Col. Morris from the Council of Antigua, may not be confirmed before he be heard in behalf of the said Morris, was read; whereupon ordered that the said Dr. Wickham have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday next; and that Mr. Nivine, Agent for the said island, and Mr. Tryon be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them at the same time.

Dr. Wickham's
memorial.

Mr. Nivine and
Tryon summoned.

The draught of a letter to Sir Nicholas Lawes [*fo.* 161], Governor of Jamaica, from the Secretary, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Jamaica.
Letter to
Sir N. Lawes.

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Miscellanies.

*Letter to
Earl of Sunderland,
additional rooms.*

Barbadoes.

Acts.

A letter to the Earl of Sunderland, relating to some rooms for the conveniency of this Office, was signed.

Then their Lordships proceeded in considering several Acts of Barbadoes, and the remainder of the Act, entituled,

An Act for laying an imposition on wines and other strong liquors imported this island, to raise money for carrying on the fortifications, for payment of such officers as are or shall be employed here at the publick charge, and for such other publick uses as are herein appointed,

was read; whereupon it was observed that the said Act had had its effect, tho' lyable to many objections, on account of the powers and penalties relating to the levy therein mentioned; and directions were given for acquainting the Governor therewith in the next letter to him. In the mean time ordered that the agents for Barbadoes have notice to attend the Board on Wednesday next.

Agents summoned.

Acts.

The Acts of the said island, as undermentioned, being likewise read, their Lordships agreed or directed to be noted upon each Act as written under the respective titles thereof, vizt. :—

An Act to prevent the exportation of horses and asses from this island. Passed September 27th, 1715.

No objection. To lye by probationary.

An Act for compiling the laws of this island. Passed October 12th, 1715.

To lye by probationary; but notice to be sent the Governor, that the collection of laws be not sent to the press, before they have been approved by the Board.

An Act to raise a levy on the several inhabitants of this island. Passed October 12th, 1717.

Has had its effect.

An Act empowering licenciate lawyers to practice as barristers in this island. Passed September 27th, 1715, which last mentioned Act their Lordships agreed to take into further consideration at another opportunity.

April 4. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Antigua.

*Act
against papists.*

Ordered that the persons who have appeared against the late Act of Antigua [fo. 158, 190], entituled, an Act to prevent the increase of papists and non-jurors, and for better governing those already there, have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

Trade.

*Mr. Dowse,
against insuring
ships;
Copies of papers.*

Mr. Dowse, solicitor for the merchants of London [fo. 163, 218], who have petitioned against the granting any charter of incorporation for insurance of ships, &c., attending, and desiring copies of such papers as have been presented to their Lordships by the petitioners for such a corporation; he was acquainted that when those papers have been considered, he should have what copies might be necessary.

*Attorney-General's
report.
Queries.
Act.*

Mr. Attorney-General's report, in answer to the letter writ him the 6th of last month, with some queries upon a clause in the Act of Parliament [fo. 138, 194] passed in the 13th and 14th years of

the reign of King Charles the Second, for preventing frauds and regulating abuses in His Majesty's Customs, relating to British and foreign built ships, was read; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a letter to Mr. Lowndes, on that subject, to be laid before the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury.

Mr. Attorney-General's report upon the letter writ him the 10th of last month, relating to the lease and release [*fo.* 143, 197] from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, to Sir Robert Montgomery, of a certain tract of land in the south part of the said province, and about erecting the same into an independent government, was read; and their Lordships gave directions for preparing the draught of a representation upon Sir Robert Montgomery's memorial, and other papers on that subject.

Then their Lordships proceeded in considering the two Acts of Barbadoes undermentioned, vizt. :—

An Act for the better establishment of the several fortifications of this island. Passed 27th September, 1715.

An Act empowering His Excellency, Robert Lowther, Esqr. to appoint commissioners to make contracts for timber, ironwork, utensils and other materials for the immediate use and repair of the fortifications, as also to agree with artificers and labourers, to be employed in that service.

Passed 15th October, 1715,

which were both read; and no objection appearing at present thereto, their Lordships agreed that the said Acts should lye by probationary.

A letter to General Hamilton [*fo.* 182], Governor of the Leeward Islands, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

April 8. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their Lordships proceeding in the consideration of the Act of Antigua [*fo.* 187, 203], passed there the 2nd of March, 1715-16, entituled, an Act to prevent the increase of papists and non-jurors in this island, and for better governing those who are already settled here; the said Act was read, as were also Mr. Attorney-General's report, with the annexed affidavit thereupon, and the petition of several Popish inhabitants of that island, against the said Act, both mentioned in the minutes of the 18th of the last month; and likewise some reasons against confirming it: a letter from Mr. Stephen Brown on the same subject, and an affidavit of Col. Valentine Morris, relating to the behaviour of the Popish inhabitants of the said island :—Mr. Brown attending, according to appointment, as likewise, Mr. Nivine, Agent for Antigua, Col. Morris and Mr. Perne, their Lordships desired to know of the said Mr. Brown what he had further to offer concerning the said Act, and of the other gentlemen the reasons which they thought might induce the government of Antigua to pass the same; whereupon Mr. Brown said, that no misbehaviour was alledged against the papists of Antigua, to occasion their being laid under such hardships, as by the present Act amount to banishment; that on the contrary, they had always behaved themselves for the interest of Great

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*Frauds and abuses
ships.
Letter to
Mr. Lowndes.*

*Carolina.
Attorney-General's
report.
Sir R. Montgomery.
Tract of land.*

Representation.

*Barbadoes.
Acts.*

*Leeward Islands.
Letter to
General Hamilton.*

*Antigua.
Act
against papists, etc.*

*Attorney-General's
report, etc.
Petition and reasons
against it.
Letter from
Mr. Brown;
Colonel Morris's
affidavit.*

Mr. Brown.

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*Papists at
Guardaloupe,
Montserrat.*

Mr. Nivine.

Nevis act.

Colonel Morris.

Mr. Birmingham.

*Expedition against
Guardaloupe.*

Britain, several of them joining in the expedition against the French at Guardaloupe ; and that the papists of Montserrat defended that island when it was attacked by Monsr. Cossart ; that the papists of Antigua were some of the first settlers of the island, having several of them been inhabitants there for fifty years or upwards : that they had no priests among them, and several of their children going to the Established Churches, the next generation would probably become Protestants : that the said papists being summoned, upon His Majesty's accession to the throne, to take the oaths, were willing to take the oath of allegiance to His Majesty King George, and he said, he was certain they were ready to do it still ; but from a true scruple of conscience, could not take the oath of supremacy ; and tho' some of them had likewise declined taking the oath of abjuration ; Mr. Brown said, he did not doubt but the more sensible of them would take that oath : that the colony would suffer, if several of the said papists, who are merchants and men of estates, were obliged to quit the island, as they would be, in case the said Act should be confirmed. To which Mr. Nivine answered, that there were indeed great hardships laid, by the forementioned Act, upon the papists, but it being an Act of policy, the use and necessity of it might justify the government of Antigua in passing it, who, he believed, intended to banish the papists by it : that the first alarm given at Antigua from the papists, was from the very great addition to their number towards the latter part of the late Queen's reign, of which there still remain about two hundred able to bear arms, who are the more dangerous, as being chiefly about the town of St. John's, and the better to be spared, as being most of them servants, overseers, ale-house keepers, book-keepers, &c., and all the fensible men of the island not above a thousand : that the island of Nevis, tho' they wanted inhabitants, had not yet thought fit to repeal an Act passed there, against papists, and confirmed here, which he looked upon to be more severe than this Act of Antigua.

Col. Morris acquainted the Board, that when this Act passed, he was present at Antigua, and of the Council there, as likewise in the commission of the peace : that it was the extraordinary misbehaviour of the papists and their disaffection to His Majesty and the Protestant succession, which gave rise to the Act. And he instanced one Mr. Birmingham, who was esteemed a moderate man among the papists, who had openly insinuated that the Pretender to the Crown had ships and men ready to assert his right, that his health was frequently drunk amongst them, and that there were other manifest tokens of the papists disaffection to His Majesty and his government. And as to what Mr. Brown had suggested of the papists engaging in the expedition against Guardaloupe ; Col. Morris said, he knew not above three papists that joined in that expedition. That in the district of Antigua, where he acted as Justice of the Peace, when the papists were summoned to take the oaths, &c., to His Majesty, none of them would take the oath of abjuration, and about one third of them offered to take the oath of allegiance, and he referred to his affidavit concerning the behaviour of several papists at the town of St. Johns, since His Majesty's accession. And in answer to

what Mr. Brown had advanced concerning the papists defending Montserrat against Monsr. Cossart in the late war, as an instance of the said papists fidelity to the Crown of Great Britain. He observed that Monsr. Cossart came only for plunder, in which case it was natural for the papists to defend their effects ; but that in all probability, if the French or any other power should come to proclaim the Pretender there, the papists would all join them. In conclusion, Mr. Brown alledged there was no proof of any particular persons, inhabitants of that island, drinking the Pretender's health ; that Mr. Birmingham, if he were guilty of what was laid to his charge, had left the island before the Act passed ; and that it would be hard for all to suffer for the folly and indiscretion of a few. That he believed, the whole number of papists at Antigua was not above 130. And he prayed their Lordships favourable representation against the said Act ; but Mr. Brown being desired by Col. Morris and Mr. Perne, who were both inhabitants of the island, to enumerate such papists as he said, were men of estates, he named four or five, whom the said gentlemen agreed to be so. It being further observed, that several of the rebels from Preston had been transported to Antigua, their Lordships agreed to reconsider this Act at another opportunity.

The draught of a letter, ordered the 4th instant to be prepared, to Mr. Lowndes [*fo.* 188], relating to a Bill to preserve the right of British built ships, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Mr. Solicitor-General's report [*fo.* 164, 216], in answer to the letter writ him the 26th of last month, upon one from Col. Rhet, relating to a duty laid in Carolina on British commodities, was read ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Shelton, Secretary to the Lords Proprietors of that province, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him next Tuesday come sevensnight.

April 9. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Mickelthwaite and Mr. Bampfield, two of the agents for Barbadoes, attending, their Lords inquired of them whether they had any instructions from that island, concerning the Act passed there the 12th October, 1715, entituled, an Act for compiling the laws of this island ; to which the said gentlemen answered, that they had not ; whereupon they were acquainted that before the intended collection of the Barbadoes Acts were printed and published, it would be necessary that the same should be laid before this Board, for their Lordships consideration ; and the said agents promised to signify it to their correspondents in Barbadoes accordingly.

Their Lordships taking into further consideration the letter from Genl. Hamilton [*fo.* 182, 228], Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated the 8th of February last, as also Col. Morris's letter, mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd instant, relating to the suspension of the said Col. Morris from the Council of Antigua ; and Dr. Wickham, and Mr. Nivine with Mr. Tryon attending, according to appointment, as also Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Busby and other gentlemen concerned in the Leeward Islands ; the attested copies of several

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*Papists at
Montserrat.*

Mr. Brown.

*Colonel Morris.
Mr. Perne.*

*Preston rebels at
Antigua.*

Trade.

*Letter to
Mr. Lowndes.
Bill, British-built
ships.*

Carolina.
*Solicitor-General's
report.
Colonel Rhet.
Duty on British
commodities.
Mr. Shelton
summoned.*

Barbadoes.
Agents.

*Act for
compiling the laws.*

Acts.

Antigua.
*Letter from
General Hamilton.*

*Colonel Morris's
suspension.
Mr. Nivine,
Tryon and others.*

1718.

*Affidavits.**Dr. Wickham.**Colonel Morris's case.**Dr. Wickham.**Colonel Morris's
character.**Plantations General.
Circular letter.**Absence of
councillors.**Carolina.
Representation.
Sir R. Montgomery's
new settlement.**Trade.
Order of Council.
de Soulies's petition.
Salt—Minorca.**Persons summoned.**New York.
Attorney-General's
report.
Act
Settlement of lands.**Jamaica.
Letter from
Colonel Heywood.
Pirates.**Trade.
Mr. de Soulies and
others.*

affidavits referred to in Genl. Hamilton's said letter, were severally read ; whereupon Dr. Wickham was asked what he had to offer in behalf of Col. Morris ; to which he answered, that he had received copies of several affidavits from Antigua, and expected the originals, whereby he did not doubt to invalidate what had been sworn against the said Morris ; and he presented to the Board a state of Col. Morris's case, which was read ; and Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Chester and Mr. Tryon being asked concerning his character, the former said, that he only corresponded with him, that he never heard any reproach cast upon him either as to any disaffection to His present Majesty, or otherwise, and the two gentlemen last mentioned said, they did not personally know him.

Dr. Wickham was then desired to bring such of the most considerable merchants as are acquainted with Col. Morris, to inform the Board of his character, and that he would let the Secretary know when he should be ready to attend their Lordships again, in relation to this affair.

Ordered that the draught of a circular letter be prepared, to the Govrs. or Commanders in Chief of His Majesty's plantations in America, requiring them, when they give leave to any councillor to be absent from their respective governments, to do the same under their hands and seals, to be produced at this Board, as soon as possible after such councillor's arrival in Great Britain.

A representation, directed the 4th instant, to be prepared, upon several papers relating to a new settlement [*fo.* 188, 362] and independent government, proposed by Sir Robert Montgomery to be erected in South Carolina, was agreed and signed.

An Order of Council, of the 16th of last month, referring to the Board the petition of Mr. de Soulies [*fo.* 199], about making salt in the island of Minorca, was read ; and the said de Soulies attending, the gentlemen undermentioned, were, at his request, desired to come to the Board on Tuesday next come sev'night, vizt. :—Sir John Jennings, Lieut. Genl. Carpenter, Col. Kane, Don Manuel Marcader, Vicar-General of Minorca, Capt. Dubuc, Capt. Baxter, Mr. Roope, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Harwood.

Mr. Attorney-General's report upon an Act passed at New York in 1710, entitled, an Act for the better settlement and assuring of lands in this Colony, was read ; whereupon ordered that a copy of the said report be sent with the next letter to Brigadier Hunter [*fo.* 202], Governor of that province, &c. And that he be desired to acquaint the Board, if he have any thing further to offer concerning the said Act.

April 22. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Col. Heywood, Commander in Chief of Jamaica, dated the 7th February, 1717-18, relating to the surrender of some pirates [*fo.* 145, 281], was read.

Monsr. de Soulies [*fo.* 198, 211] attending, with Captain Dubuc, Don Emanuel Marcader, Vicar-General of Minorca, Mr. Roope and others, according to appointment, as also Mr. Robert Trelawny, all which gentlemen, as they said, having been resident some time at

the Island of Minorca, their Lordships had some discourse with them concerning the making salt in the said island ; and they unanimously agreed, that the place was capable of producing great quantities of that commodity, but they seemed not entirely to concur in opinion as to the charge of making such an experiment, as Monsr. de Soulies proposed, who said, that a large salt-pit might be made at Fornelles, at the charge of about six hundred pounds, which if the government did not think fit to undertake, Monsr. de Soulies said, several merchants were ready to assist him in doing, provided they might have a patent for the same for fourteen years ; but the said de Soulies being asked, if he had formed any scheme for putting the design in execution ; he said, he had only made a draught of some ponds, which he proposed to be made, and humbly submitted the rest to His Majesty and the Ministry ; whereupon he was directed to bring to this Board his two proposals distinctly in writing, what he had to offer, in case the Government should think fit to engage in making salt at Minorca, with the best estimate he could make of the charge thereof, and the method of proceeding in that affair, as likewise what encouragement would be expected by particular persons, if the undertaking were left to them.

At the same time, upon enquiry concerning any waste lands in Minorca, it was observed by Don Emanuel Marcader, that there were no lands in the said island, but what are either the property of particular persons or townships, so that where any land is required to be taken for salt-ponds, the same must be purchased.

Col. Kane [fo. 198, 211] coming to the Board, upon the same occasion, after the gentlemen above-mentioned were withdrawn, he acquainted their Lordships, that in his opinion, the making salt at Minorca would be a considerable advantage to His Majesty's subjects, if the same could be brought to perfection ; and that General Carpenter and himself, with others, had formerly a design of making an experiment of it ;—that he was informed, it would be necessary to have a supply of fresh water where the salt is to be made, which would be a considerable expence, but that if the Government encouraged persons of substance, that difficulty might be made easy.

Some heads of a charter of incorporation [fo. 173, 232] of the Grand Fishery of Great Britain, were read ; and their Lordships gave directions for sending copies of the said heads of a charter, and of the petition of several lords and others on that subject, mentioned in the minutes of the 24th February last, to Mr. Solicitor-General, for his opinion thereupon.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [fo. 79, 231], Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, with the extract of one from Mr. Dunbar, Surveyor-General of the Customs in the Leeward Islands, &c., relating to an Act passed at Antigua, to prohibit the importation of foreign sugars there, were read, and their Lordships agreed to take the same into further consideration at another opportunity.

A caveat signed by Mr. James Blew, in behalf of the merchants of London, trading to New York, &c. [fo. 224], against an Act of that province for paying and discharging several debts due from this colony to the persons therein named &c., was read and ordered to be entered.

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*Minorca,
making salt.**charge*600*l.**Minorca—Salt.**Patent 14 years.**Written proposals.**Waste lands.**Colonel Kane's
opinion.**Fishery charter.
Heads**sent Solicitor
General.***Leeward Islands.***Letter from
Mr. Carkesse,
Mr. Dunbar.**Act
foreign sugars
imported.***New York.***Caveat against an
Act.
Province—Debts.*

1718.

*Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.**Report to Committee
of Council.**Mulford's complaints.*

The draught of a letter to Brigadier Hunter [fo. 198, 206], Govr. of New York, &c., was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A report to the Lords of the Committee of Council for Appeals, &c. [fo. 178, 206], pursuant to their order of the 20th of the last month, relating to the complaints of Mr. Mulford against Brigadier Hunter Govr. of New York, &c., was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

April 23. Present :—Earl of Holdernessee, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Antigua.
*Act
against papists.
Attorney-General's
report.*

Representation.

Trade.
*Mr. Hays,
Mr. la Roche
refusing Treasurer-
factory,
Lisbon.*

*Reason of
Mr. la Roche's
refusal.*

*Mr. J. Milner
refused it.*

Their Lordships taking into further consideration the Act [fo. 190, 217] passed at Antigua the 2nd of March, 171⁸/₆ to prevent the increase of papists and nonjurors &c., with Mr. Attorney-General's report and other papers relating thereto, as mentioned in the minutes of the 8th inst. Directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation upon the said Act.

Mr. Hays attending according to appointment, he was asked several questions concerning Mr. La Roche's refusing [fo. 177, 206, 298] to act as Treasurer of the Factory at Lisbon. Whereupon Mr. Hays, said he had been concerned in partnership with the said La Roche, who now discontinuing the business, Mr. Hays had ingaged himself in another house there. That he expected Mr. La Roche here in a month or two, and that the main reason of his refusing the treasurership of the factory was, his being busied in making up his accounts in order to his return for this kingdom. That Mr. Josiah Milner had likewise some time ago refused to execute the office of treasurer, upon which another took it. And as to what was observed by the Board concerning the said Mr. La Roche having formerly declined to undertake the administration of a deceased gentleman's effects, when the Factory had chosen him for that purpose ; Mr. Hays said, he was at Lisbon at that time, that the affair which their Lordships hinted at, seemed very much intangled ; and that the house wherein Mr. La Roche was concerned had then the care of two other administrations upon them, which he thought was a reasonable excuse for refusing to be concerned in a third that had a prospect of being very troublesome. Mr. Hays added that there was a mistake made by the person he employed to draw up the reasons, in behalf of Mr. La Roche for not accepting the said treasurership, where mention is made of the Board of Trade having represented the said Mr. La Roche's being incapable of serving the Factory in any publick trust, it being only a memorial to their Lordships.

Mr. Milner.

Mr. Hays being withdrawn, Mr. Milner came to the Board, as he had been desired, and their Lordships having some discourse with him on the same subject ; he said, Mr. La Roche has always been refractory and troublesome in the Factory. That the said La Roche has refused the said charge three or four several times. That in the 24 years the said Mr. Milner resided at Lisbon, he did not remember any other instance of any member of the Factory refusing absolutely to act as treasurer tho' several had been excused, upon promise to serve another time, which they have accordingly performed ; and it being observed to Mr. Milner, that it was alledged, Mr. Josiah Milner had refused the said office, he said that was only

for a time, when his partners had served very lately before it was offered to him to serve, and that he had actually discharged the office afterwards.

Their Lordships then gave directions for preparing a letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs upon this subject [*fo.* 203, 298].

A letter to Brigadier Hunter [*fo.* 202], Governor of New York, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A report to the Lords of the Committee for hearing Appeals [*fo.* 202] from the plantations, relating to Mr. Mulford's complaints against Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New York, as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

A letter from Earl Stanhope, of the 21st instant, signifying His Majesty's having appointed Richard West Esqr. [*fo.* 213] one of His Majesty's counsel at law, to attend such law business relating to trade and plantations, as this Board do not conceive of that importance, to require the opinion of His Majesty's Attorney or Solicitor-General, was read, And Mr. West coming to the Board was acquainted that he should have notice when their Lordships desired his attendance.

Mr. Solicitor-General's second report upon the petition of some disbanded officers and soldiers [*fo.* 162, 224], for a settlement on the lands between New England and Nova Scotia, was read, as likewise the three papers undermentioned therein referred to, vizt.:—

Mr. Coram's answer on the doubt arising, relating to a clause in the Massachusetts Charter.

Mr. Dummer's reply to Mr. Coram's answer.

Letter from Mr. Barnstead to Mr. Solicitor-General, relating to the granting of lands in New England.

A printed memorial from the Marquis de Wignacourt [*fo.*] relating to His Majesty's title to the said lands between New England and Nova Scotia was also read, whereupon, ordered that the same be sent to Mr. Solicitor-General for his consideration, and that he be desired to inform the Board, whether he hath anything to add to his former report on that matter.

A memorial from Mr. Ingram [*fo.* 117, 297] relating to the transportation of wool to foreign parts, and proposing methods to hinder it, was read, and their Lordships resolved to proceed in the further consideration thereof at another opportunity.

April 24. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Capt. de Leuze attending with Mr. Robert Cunyngham, of St. Christophers, they desired their Lordships would grant them a copy of the account which Mr. Duport [*fo.* 209] formerly laid before this Board, of his losses at the island of St. Christophers, the said Capt. having an account depending with Mr. Duport, who married the mother of the Captain's wife; whereupon these gentlemen were acquainted that it would be fit to speak with Mr. Duport, relating to this matter, and directions were accordingly given, that he have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next.

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*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Craggs,
la Roche—Lisbon.*

New York.

*Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.*

Report to

Lords of Appeal.

*Mulford's complaints
against the
Governor.*

Miscellanies.

Trade.

Plantations General.

Letter from

*Earl Stanhope,
Mr. West to attend
law business at the
Board.*

New England.

Solicitor-General's

2nd report.

*Disbanded officers
settlement.*

Papers.

Memorial.

Marquis de

Wignacourt,

King's title to those

lands;

*Mr. Solicitor
General.*

Trade.

*Ingram's memorial,
wool transported.*

St. Christophers.

Captain de Leuze,

Mr. Cunyngham,

Mr. Duport's losses.

1718.

Trade.

*Treaty of commerce.
Venice ;
observations ;
letter to
Sir N. Lloyd.*

Their Lordships then taking again into consideration the project of a treaty of commerce with Venice [*fo.* 162, 213], made some observations thereupon, and ordered that a copy of the 16th art. be sent to Sir Nathaniel Lloyd, His Majesty's Advocate General, for his opinion concerning it.

April 29. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

St. Christophers.

*Mr. Duport.
Captain de Leuze,
Mr. Duport's losses.*

Mr. Duport [*fo.* 208, 214] attending, according to appointment, their Lordships desired to know, whether he had any objections to their giving Captain de Leuze a copy of the account of the said Mr. Duport's losses at the island of St. Christophers, as the said Captain De Leuze had desired the 24th instant, to which Mr. Duport answered, that he had some months ago obtained a determination of a suit in Chancery against the said Capt. de Leuze,—that he understood Mr. Cunyngham, who is a litigious person, had prevailed with Capt. de Leuze to renew the said suit, who having married the daughter of Mrs. Duport, had endeavoured to prove her mother perjured, and otherways behaved herself in so undutiful a manner that he thought they deserved no favour from him ; however, he said he had no objection to their Lordships giving a copy of the said account.

*Captain de Leuze's
memorial,
his wife's pretentions,
etc.*

Capt. de Leuze likewise attending, a memorial from him, setting forth his wife's pretentions to the estate and effects possessed by Mr. Duport and his wife, and praying their Lordships recommendation, in case His Majesty should be graciously pleased to order any reparation to be made for the said Duport's losses, that he the said de Leuze may have such part thereof, as of right belongs to his wife, and that he be allowed to have a copy of the account of Mr. Duport's said losses, was read ; whereupon their Lordships agreed to give Capt. de Leuze an answer to the latter part of the prayer of his said memorial to-morrow morning, there being nothing of the former at present before the Board.

Newfoundland.
*Letter from
Mr. Lowndes.
Captain Taverner's
services.*

A letter from Mr. Lowndes [*fo.* 281] of the 24th inst., signifying the Lords of the Treasury's desire to know what services Capt. Taverner hath performed at Newfoundland, and if this Board have any objections to him, was read ; whereupon ordered, that the several papers in this Office, relating to the said Taverner, be collected and laid before the Board.

Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.
*Colonel Philips's
2nd memorial.
Brigadier Richards
summoned.*

A second memorial from Col. Philips [*fo.* 177, 284], relating to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, was read ; whereupon ordered, that Brigadier Richards be acquainted, that the Board desire to speak with him at eleven of the clock to-morrow morning.

Trade.
*Colonel Kane's
memorial.
Salt—Minorca.
Representation.
Mr. de Soulies.
Making salt.
Minorca.*

A memorial from Col. Kane [*fo.* 199, 201, 284] relating to the making salt at Minorca, was read.

Advantage to himself.

A representation from Mr. de Soulies, containing his propositions for the making of salt at Minorca, in case the Government shall think fit to undertake the same, or if it shall be thought fit to grant a patent for it to merchants or others, was read ; and the said de Soulies attending, was asked what advantage he proposed to himself in the said undertaking, to which he answered, one third

part of the net produce of the salt after the first charge of the experiment, or a salary, in proportion as the salt and labour increase, out of which third he proposed to defray the repair of the pits and all future labour, and as to a salary, he said, he hoped their Lordships would not think 300*l.* per ann. too much, which would be the only support of himself and family, after his long and faithfull services, of which he produced certificates.

Mr. Soulies being withdrawn, their Lordships agreed to take this matter into further consideration at another opportunity.

Ordered that Mr. Marsh. [*fo.* 126, 220] who solicits in behalf of the petitioners against an Act of Antigua, entituled an Act to indemnify Anthony Brown and John Elliot of the aforesaid island gentlemen from a certain bond and articles of agreement by them entered into with George Pullen carpenter for the building a church, be acquainted that the Board have some time expected to hear when they would be ready to lay before their Lordships what they have to offer, relating to the said Act; and that the Board think it necessary to make a report as soon as may be, upon His Majesty's order of reference, relating to that Act.

A memorial from Mr. Williams, containing the opinion of the Venetian merchants [*fo.* 209, 218] upon 13 heads for a treaty of commerce between Great Britain and that Republick, was read.

Ordered that Mr. West [*fo.* 206, 222], one of His Majesty's counsel at law, appointed to attend the service of this Board, be acquainted, that their Lordships desire to speak with him on Friday morning next.

April 30. Present :—Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Ordered that Mr. William Walker, late of Barbadoes, be acquainted, that the Board desire to speak with him on Friday morning next, in relation to the Act passed in that island in 1715, entituled an Act empowering licentiate lawyers to practise as barristers in this island [*fo.* 218].

Capt. de Leuze [*fo.* 209] attending, a copy of Mr. Duport's account of his losses at St. Christophers, was ordered to be prepared for the said captain, as he had desired.

Brigadier Richards attending, their Lordships had some discourse with him about the fortifications and garrison at Placentia [*fo.* 156] in Newfoundland, whereupon he referred himself to his former reports on that subject, particularly that made in conjunction with the Comptrollers of the Army; and he added that no money had been appropriated by Parliament for the fortifications and ordnance service at Newfoundland, since Placentia has been in our hands, till this year a small sum for bedding, &c. for the soldiers there.—That there are no materials in Newfoundland for the fortifications, but what are carried from hence, which he formerly got carried thither by the fishing ships as ballast, and which is the cheapest way for performing that service.—That in his opinion it would be most for the advantage of Great Britain to have no settlements at Newfoundland, but a small fort and garrison only to keep possession of the island, the repair of the old forts being like to be of great expence

1718.

*Salary;**his services.***Antigua.***Mr. Marsh,**Act.**Anthony Brown.***Trade.***Mr. Williams's*
*memorial.**Merchants opinion.**Treaty of commerce.**Venice.***Plantations General.***Mr. West summoned.***Barbadoes.***Mr. Walker*
*summoned.**Act**licentiate lawyers.***St. Christophers.***Captain de Leuze,*
*Duport's losses.***Newfoundland.***Brigadier Richards,*
Garrison at Placentia;
*reports.**No materials,*
*fortifications,**A small fort.*

1718.

*Supply by
Parliament.**Annapolis.
Brigadier Richards.**Colonel Philips's
memorials.**Representation.**Carolina.
Letters from
Mr. Shelton.
Indian war.
Act 10 per cent. duty.
Representation.**Antigua
Representation.
Act
against papists.**St. Christophers.
Letter to
Captain Priswick,
Colonel Codrington's
petition for land.**St. Christophers.
Captain Priswick.
Colonel Codrington
in Holland.**Trade.
Letter to
Mr. Secretary Craggs.
Treaty of commerce,
Venice.**Barbadoes.
Agents.**Act
licentiate lawyers.*

to no purpose—that the erecting such a small fort may be worth consideration, and a supply for that purpose demanded in Parliament; but that it is requisite to take immediate care for covering the barracks and magazines, so as to preserve the men and provisions from the severity of the weather, the expence whereof should be no more than what is absolutely necessary, and for which Col. Philips should have money or credit here. In relation to Annapolis and the province of Nova Scotia, Brigadier Richards said, he could say little, having an account of that place only by report from others. That the French having a large colony against us, on that side it would be of great advantage to have one as strong to oppose it; and it would be well if all our people who remain at Newfoundland, except a small garrison, were removed to Nova Scotia.

Brigadier Richards and Col. Philips being withdrawn, the two memorials from Col. Philips, mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd of March and 29th inst. were again read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation to His Majesty thereupon.

Two letters from Mr. Shelton [*fo.* 182, 220] Secretary to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, dated the 24th and 25th instant, relating to the Indian war there, and an Act of that province, whereby a duty of 10 per cent. is laid on British goods, were read, and directions given for preparing the draught of a representation to His Majesty, relating to the said Act.

Their Lordships took into consideration the draught of a representation upon the Act of Antigua, mentioned in the minutes of the 8th instant, relating to papists [*fo.* 203, 224] and made a progress therein.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Capt. Priswick [*fo.* 73, *vide infra*], who appears in behalf of Col. Codrington, to acquaint him, that the Board desire to hear what the Col. has to offer upon his petition for a tract of land in St. Christophers, referred to their Lordships by Order of Council of 29th August last.

May 1. Present;—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The Secretary acquainted the Board, that Capt. Priswick [*vide supra*] had been at the Office, and desired their Lordships might be informed of Col. Codrington's being at present in Holland, till whose return, which he said would be in six weeks, the Captain prayed the Board would suspend the further consideration of Col. Codrington's petition for some lands in St. Christophers, as mentioned in yesterday's minutes, to which their Lordships agreed.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs, relating to the project of a treaty of commerce [*fo.* 213, 226] between His Majesty and the Republick of Venice, at present under consideration of the Board, was signed.

Mr. Micklethwaite and Mr. Bampffield, agents for Barbadoes, attending, communicated to their Lordships the copy of a letter from the Committee of Correspondence in that island to the said agents, relating to an Act [*fo.* 214, 223] passed there in 1715, concerning licentiate lawyers; and their Lordships resolved to consider the same with the said Act.

The following papers, relating to a charter [*fo.* 187, 239] proposed for insuring ships at sea, were read, vizt. :—

Reasons of the Bristol merchants against the charter for insuring ships, &c.

Letter to the Secretary from the petitioners for a charter of incorporation for insuring ships and merchandizes, dated 24 April, 1718, inclosing the following papers, vizt. :—

Answers to the reasons given against incorporating a number of persons for insuring ships and merchandizes at sea.

Thirteen certificates from the most eminent merchants and traders in the principal trading ports in G. Britain and Ireland in favour of a corporation for insuring ships and merchandize.

An Account of some losses by private insurers.

List of private insurers and office keepers who have proved insolvent.

Whereupon their Lordships agreed to hear by counsel, the petitioners for and against the said charter on Wednesday the 14th instant at eleven of the clock in the morning, and ordered that the solicitors on both sides be acquainted therewith ; as likewise that they have copies of such papers on that subject as they shall desire.

A representation, directed to be prepared at the last meeting, relating to an Act [*fo.* 216, 227, 308] passed in Carolina, whereby a duty of 10 per cent. is laid on all British goods, was agreed and signed.

The Secretary acquainting the Board, that Mr. Marsh [*fo.* 212, 229] had signified he should be ready to attend their Lordships in behalf of the petitioners against an Act of Antigua, entituled, an Act to indemnify Anthony Brown and John Elliot of the aforesaid island gent. &c. when their Lordships should appoint, their Lordships agreed to hear the said petitioners on Wednesday morning next, and ordered that Mr. Marsh have notice thereof accordingly.

May 2. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. West attending, according to appointment, their Lordships proceeded in considering several Acts of Antigua, whereof, those entituled as follows, were read, vizt. :—

An Act for raising 5 per cent. on dry goods, and laying an additional duty on wines, &c. imported.

An Act to revive an Act for laying a duty of powder on trading vessels.

An Act for repairing the fortifications on Monks Hill &c. and other fortifications and platforms—all three passed in 1715.

An Act for raising a tax of 12,000*l.* money for defraying publick debts and charges—passed in 171 $\frac{5}{8}$.

The Act, entituled, an Act for encouraging the importation of white servants, was likewise read, together with Mr. Attorney-General's report thereupon, and several observations were made on the said Acts, and agreed to be transmitted to the Governor of the Leeward Islands.

1718.
Trade.
*Charter insuring
ships.
Papers.*

*Insurance-charter.
Hearing appointed.*

Carolina.
*Representation.
Act
10 per cent. duty.*

Antigua.
*Mr. Marsh,
against an Act,
Anthony Brown, etc.*

Antigua.
*Mr. West.
Acts.*

Act.

*Act.
Attorney-General's
report.
Observations
to be sent the
Governor.*

1718.

Plantations General.
Mr. West.
Governor's instructions
passing laws, etc.

Ordered that Mr. West [*fo.* 213] have the copy of such of the Governor's instructions as relate to the passing of laws, and that he have liberty at any time to peruse such papers in this Office as relate to any of the Acts of the Plantations, or about any Acts whatsoever which concern the trade of this kingdom.

Antigua.
Acts.

Ordered that the Acts of Antigua, entituled,

An Act to indemnify Anthony Brown &c. from a certain bond and articles of agreement for building a church &c. passed in 17¹₁₆.

An Act to prohibit the importation of French or other foreign sugars, rum, &c. passed in 1716.

to Mr. West.

An Act for constituting a court merchant—passed be sent to Mr. West for his perusal.

Barbadoes.
Mr. Walker.
Act
licenciate lawyers.

Mr. Walker [*fo.* 218, 288] attending, as desired, he was acquainted that their Lordships understood he had something to offer concerning the Barbados Act, entituled, an Act empowering licenciate lawyers to practise as barristers in this island, passed in September, 1715, and being asked, what he had to say on that subject, he informed the Board, that for his own part he had nothing to offer, but that the Attorney-General of Barbados had writ to him, to move for a hearing, relating to the said Act; whereupon Mr. Walker was directed to bring to their Lordships in writing, a memorial of what he shall think fit to represent in this matter.

Letter to the agents.

The copy of a letter from the Committee of Correspondence in Barbadoes to the agents of that island, relating to the last recited Act, as mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was read.

New York.
Mr. Lodwick.
Order of Council.
Merchants petition
against an act about
province debts.

Mr. Lodwick, with several other merchants trading to New York [*fo.* 202, 205], attending, presented to their Lordships an Order of Council of the 23rd of the last month, referring to the Board a petition from the said merchants against an Act, passed in that province in December, 1717 for paying and discharging several debts of the said province, and putting several quantities of plate into the hands of the Treasurer, to be applied to publick uses, and for making bills of credit, &c. together with a representation from themselves to the Board, containing reasons for stopping all proceedings at New York upon the said Act till his Majesty's pleasure be known, which Order, petition and representation, their Lordships resolved to take into consideration at the first opportunity.

New England.
Solicitor-General's
report.

Mr. Solicitor-General's report, upon the printed representation of the Marquis de Wignacourt [*fo.* 207, 272] &c. relating to the tract of land between New England and Nova Scotia, was read.

Wignacourt's
representation.
Tract of land.
Antigua.
Representation.
Act against papists.

A representation, upon the Act of Antigua relating to papists [*fo.* 271, 362], mentioned in the minutes of the 30th of the last month, was agreed and signed.

May 6. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

New York.
Order of the Lords
of the Council.
Merchants petition,
against Act.

An Order of the Lords of the Council, dated the 23rd of last month, referring to this Board the petition of several merchants, trading to New York [*fo.* 224], against an Act passed in that province in

December, 1717 for paying and discharging several debts of that province, and putting several quantities of plate into the hands of the Treasurer to be applied to publick uses, and for making bills of credit &c., as mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting, was read, together with the copy of the said petition; as likewise a representation from the said merchants, containing their reasons for stopping all proceedings upon the said Act: whereupon a letter to Brigadier Hunter Governor of New York for inclosing copies of the said, Order, petition and representation, in order to his immediate transmitting the said Act to this Board for their Lordships consideration, was drawn up, agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter to the Lords of the Council, to acquaint their Lordships with the proceedings of this Board upon the Order abovementioned, was agreed and signed.

Sir Nathaniel Lloyd's report, in answer to the Secretary's letter of the 30th of last month, upon the 16th article of the project of a treaty of commerce [fo. 218. 235] with Venice, was read.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Craggs, dated this day, signifying the King's pleasure, that this Board forthwith lay before His Majesty the said project of a treaty of commerce with Venice, with such observations as they shall judge proper, was read; whereupon their Lordships resolved to take the same into further consideration on Thursday morning next.

Mr. Weston [fo. 132, 173, 290], Solr. for the lords, and others who petition for a charter of incorporation for carrying on the fishery, attending, and desiring the Board would soon report upon the order, referring the said petition, he was acquainted, that the Board would give that matter all necessary dispatch; in order to which, he would do well to hasten Mr. Solicitor-General's report upon the heads of such a charter, received from the petitioners, and referred to him.

Mr. Boon, agent for Carolina, attending, presented to the Board the copy of a letter he had received from that province, by order of the Assembly there, dated the 8th of March last, relating to their miserable condition [fo. 220, 237] and apprehensions from the Indians, which was read; and Mr. Boon was desired to prepare and bring to the Board, as soon as he could, a memorial of what informations he has concerning the conditions of the said province which he accordingly promised.

Mr. Boon being withdrawn, their Lordships agreed and signed a letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs, for inclosing to him the said copy of a letter from Carolina, in order to receive His Majesty's directions thereupon.

Two anonymous letters to the Secretary of this Board, dated the 26th and 28th of April last, relating to some laws of Pennsylvania [fo. 232, 334], the surrender of the government of that province &c. by Mr. Penn, were read; and their Lordships agreed to reconsider the same at another opportunity.

A letter from Mr. Marsh [fo. 196, 316], solicitor in behalf of Col. Morris of Antigua, lately suspended by the Governor from the Council of that island, desiring to have a copy of the minutes of the said council, which were read at this Board when Doctor Wickham

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Brigadier Hunter.**Letter to
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Lloyd's report.
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Letter from Mr.
Secretary Craggs,
on that subject.**Mr. Weston.
Fishery-charter.**Carolina.
Mr. Boon.**Miserable state of
that province.
Indians.
Memorial.**Letter to
Mr. Secretary Craggs.**Pennsylvania.
Letters to the
Secretary.
Laws.
Surrender.**Antigua.
Letter from Mr. Marsh,
Colonel Morris's
suspension.
Copy of the minutes.*

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attended upon that affair, was read; whereupon their Lordships agreed that he should have a copy of the said minutes accordingly.

May 7. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Doernique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Antigua.

Their Lordships proceeding in the consideration of the Acts of the Island of Antigua, the Act passed there in 1716, intituled, an Act for reinforcing an Act for repairing the fortifications on Monks Hill &c. was read, and found to be expired.

Mr. Marsh,
Dr. Wickham,
Sir Edward Northey.
Act,
Anthony Brown.

Mr. Marsh [*fo.* 220], Doctor Wickham and others, attending with Sir Edward Northey as council for the petitioners against the Act, passed in the said island of Antigua in 171 $\frac{5}{8}$ to indemnify Anthony Brown and John Elliot from a certain bond and articles of agreement for building a church &c. Sir Edward moved their Lordships for further time to prove the allegations of the petition, referred to this Board by Order of Council of the 9th of February last, to which their Lordships agreed, Mr. Marsh promised to inform their Lordships as soon as he should be ready to lay the proofs, expected from the said island, before the Board.

Mr. West.

Mr. West attending, the Acts of Antigua as undermentioned were severally read, vizt. :—

Acts read.

An Act to prohibit the importation of French or other foreign sugars, rum, &c.

An Act to revive an Act for laying a duty of powder on trading vessels.

An Act for laying an additional duty on wines, &c. imported.

An Act for raising a tax of 13,000*l.* money and to defray publick debts and charges.

An Act for erecting and building a new church in the town of St. Johns in the room of the present parochial church there, and for raising a yearly tax for maintaining the same.

An Act to quiet present possessors of lands to limit actions and avoid suits in law, and

An Act for constituting a Court Merchant.

All passed in 1716, 171 $\frac{6}{7}$ and 1717.

Act.
Importation of
foreign sugar.
Representation.

And in relation to the said Act to prohibit the importation of foreign sugars [*fo.* 328], the extract of Mr. Dunbar's letter, mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd of last month, on that subject, was again read; and the draught of a representation directed to be prepared, in order to the repeal of the said Act.

The three Acts next that abovementioned, were found to be expired or to have had their effect.

Plantations General.

Mr. West,
observations on acts.

And Mr. West being desired to put into writing what observations he may have to offer on these or any other Acts of the plantations, he promised to do it from time to time accordingly.

Antigua.
Acts.

As to the said Act for erecting and building a new church &c. passed in 1716, and that for erecting a court merchant passed in 1717, their Lordships having no objections thereto agreed to let them lye by probationary.

Act to quiet possessors.
Attorney-General's
report.

Upon the Act to quiet present possessors, Mr. Attorney-General's report relating to it was again read; and their Lordships gave

directions for preparing a letter to General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, to inclose to him a copy of the said report, with orders to endeavour the passing, by the first opportunity, a new Act conformable to Mr. Attorney's opinion, and to signify to him that the Board should otherwise be obliged to lay the present Act as soon as possible before His Majesty for repeal thereof.

Ordered that Mr. Joshua Gee be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Friday morning next, in relation to the Acts of Pennsylvania [*fo.* 228, 234].

Ordered that Mr. Solicitor-General be desired to hasten his report upon the petition [*fo.* 201] and heads of a charter referred to him by the Secretary's letter of the 23rd of the last month, relating to the fishery of this kingdom.

A letter to Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New York, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, was signed.

May 8. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Cracherode bringing to the Office the original surrender [*fo.* 144] of the government of the Bahama Islands by the Lords Proprietors, which he had got inrolled, the same was laid before the Board, and ordered to be entered in the books, kept for the said Islands.

A letter, ordered yesterday to be prepared, to General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, relating to the Act of Antigua, about quieting present possessors of lands, was signed.

May 9. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Earl Stanhope [*fo.* 267], dated yesterday, referring to the Board the extract of one from the Czar's Minister, relating to the Acts of trade and navigation which affect the subjects of the Czar here, was read, together with the said extract, and a copy of Mr. Solicitor-General's report thereupon; and directions were given for collecting the several papers in this Office which were last under their Lordships consideration relating to Muscovy.

Mr. Joshua Gee [*fo.* 232, 344], one of Mr. Penn's trustees, attending, the two anonymous letters, mentioned in the minutes of the 6th instant, relating to several Acts of Pennsylvania, Mr. Penn's surrender &c. were communicated to him; whereupon he desired copies thereof, which were accordingly ordered him, and he promised an answer in writing in a few days; in the meantime, he said, some Acts had been transmitted from Pennsylvania, which he believes are in the hands of another of Mr. Penn's trustees.

Their Lordships made a progress in reconsidering the project of a treaty of commerce [*fo.* 226, 238] with Venice.

And ordered that Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 237], Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, be desired to acquaint this Board, whether foreign ships, arriving in any ports of this kingdom, may unlade

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*Letter to
General Hamilton.*

Pennsylvania.

*Mr. Gee summoned.
Acts.*

Trade.

*Mr. Solicitor-
General's report.
Fishery—charter.*

New York.

*Letter to
Brigadier Hunter.*

Bahamas.

*Mr. Cracherode,
Lords Proprietors
surrender.*

Antigua.

*Letter to
General Hamilton.
Act
quieting possessors.*

Trade.

*Letter from
Earl Stanhope.
Czar's Minister,
Acts of trade.
Solicitor-General's
report.*

Pennsylvania.

*Mr. Gee.
Acts.
Mr. Penn's surrender.*

Acts transmitted.

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*Treaty of commerce,
Venice.
Letter to
Mr. Carkesse.
Foreign ships
unlading cargo.*

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and for
account of
port-charges,
London.

Miscellanies.
Incidental charges.

part of their cargo, without being subject to unlade the whole, or pay duty for that part not unladen.

Further ordered, that Mr. Carkesse be desired to move the Commissioners of the Customs, that this Board may have an account of the amount of port charges paid in the port of London, including light-money and all other charges.

The Secretary laid before the Board the accounts of the incidental charges of this Office from Michaelmas, 1717 to Lady Day, 1718, vizt. :—

	£	s.	d.
<i>Incidental accounts.</i>			
Account of petty expences from Michaelmas, 1717, to Christmas following, amounting to	65	3	9½
The like account from Christmas, 1717, to Lady Day following, amounting to	49	18	3½
The stationers account from Michaelmas, 1717, to Christmas following, amounting to	37	18	6
The like account from Christmas, 1717, to Lady Day, 1718, amounting to	35	4	6
The postman's account from Michaelmas, 1717, to Christmas following, amounting to	21	15	7
The like account from Christmas, 1717, to Lady Day, 1718, amounting to	10	1	7
Amounting in the whole to	220	2	3½

Letter to
Lords of Treasury.
Salary.

Whereupon a letter for transmitting the said accounts to the Lords of the Treasury, and desiring payment thereof, as likewise of the salary due to the Secretary, and under-officers in the service of this Commission, was signed.

May 13. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doernique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Two letters from Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 235], Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, both dated the 10th, in answer to those writ him the 9th inst. relating to port-charges and light money, and to ships unloading part of their cargo, and carrying the rest away, without paying duty for more than the goods unladen, were read.

Mr. Boon [*fo.* 216, 220, 227], agent for South Carolina, attending, presented to their Lordships a memorial, as likewise the copy of a letter from that province, dated the 8th of March last, and of an address from the Assembly there to his Majesty, all relating to the miserable condition of his Majesty's subjects in those parts, on account of the Indian War, which memorial was read, and Mr. Boon at the same time acquainted their Lordships that he had presented the original address, whereof the abovementioned is a copy, to Mr. Secretary Craggs, to be laid before his Majesty.

Their Lordships then made a further progress in reconsidering the project of a treaty of commerce [*fo.* 235, 268] with Venice, and gave directions for transcribing part thereof with their Lordships observations.

Ordered that Mr. Nivine [*fo.* 267], agent for Antigua, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Thursday morning next.

Trade.
Letter from
Mr. Carkesse,
port-charges,
unloading cargo, etc.

Carolina.
Mr. Boon,
memorial,
letter,
Assembly's address,
sad state,
Indian war.

Trade.
Treaty of commerce.
Venice.

Antigua.
Mr. Nivine summoned.

May 14. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

The Lord Onslow, Sir Alexr. Cairnes, Sir Justus Beck, Mr. Cole, Mr. George Jackson, Mr. John Emmett and several other gentlemen and merchants together with Mr. Reeves and Mr. Serjeant Pingelly, their counsel, attended, according to appointment, in behalf of the petitioners for a charter of incorporation for insuring ships and goods at sea [fo. 218, 269]; and several of the petitioners for a charter of incorporation for insuring ships and goods at sea; and several of the petitioners against such a charter, attended likewise with Mr. Serjeant Page and Mr. Talbot, as counsel for the merchants of London; and Mr. Serjeant Erle and Mr. Hungerford, as counsel for the merchants of Bristol, who petition against the said charter. His Majesty's Order in Council of the 2nd of February last, referring to this Board, and to Mr. Attorney and Solicitor-General the petition of several merchants for an incorporation to insure ships and goods at sea, was read, with a copy of the said petition; as also his Majesty's two other Orders in Council of the same date, referring in like manner to this Board and to Mr. Attorney and Solicitor-General the petitions of several merchants of London and Bristol, praying to be heard against such charter of incorporation, were read, with the annexed copies of the said petitions.

Mr. Reeves thereupon opened the petition for a charter, in substance as follows, vizt.:—That such a charter would be for the benefit of trade, by increasing navigation and commerce, and that for carrying on this undertaking, considerable sums have been subscribed; he said it was not to be controverted—that there is no objection in law against a corporation in the manner this is proposed—and that it was plain that by it merchants would have the advantage of safe, easy, cheap and expeditious insurances for their ships and goods—and as to the reasons which had been offered against the charter, Mr. Reeves alledged, that they were either contradictory or inconsistent, or that they were imaginary, and not such as must necessarily follow upon the erecting such a company—that it must be allowed there would be greater security to the insured from a corporation than from any private insurers, the fund of a million of £ sterl. being sufficient to answer all losses—and if there should be such difficulties as in some of the papers before the Board it is suggested there would arise, upon settling losses and making up averages with a company, or if the company should not in other respects answer what is proposed, nobody would insure with them, but would continue to insure with the present insurers, and by consequence such a charter would not affect the petitioners against it—on the contrary, if the company should adjust accounts and dispatch business to the satisfaction of those who insure with them, as it would be the interest of the company to do; the private office keepers here in London might indeed suffer by not having so much employment as at present; but if the company should prove of such a general advantage to the publick as 'tis presumed it will, the interest of ten or twelve office-keepers ought not to be put in balance with a greater good—that as this charter is not intended to be exclusive, such a considerable number of merchants as have

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*Lord Onslow,
Sir Alexander
Cairnes and others.*

Hearing.

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Serjeant Pingelly,
for a charter
insuring ships, etc.
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Mr. Talbot, for
merchants of London.
Mr. Serjeant Erle,
Mr. Hungerford, for
merchants of Bristol,
against the charter.
Order of Council.
Merchants petition
for a charter;*

*London and Bristol
merchants petition
against it.*

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for a charter.
Advantages.*

No objection.

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signed the petitions from London and Bristol against the charter may if they think fit imploy the office keepers and follow the present method of insurance; and as above a thousand other merchants have either petitioned for or shewed their approbation of the company proposed they will undoubtedly insure with the company, so that both methods may be practised.—As to the objection that the present under-writers of policies of insurance will quit the business after a company is established, and such persons being then diverted to some other employment would not resume their former practice of insuring, and the publick would consequently be left to the mercy of the company, Mr. Reeves said, that the underwriting policies of insurance is an accidental and not the sole business of the merchants, and therefore it would not be reasonable to say that the erecting this company could oblige such merchants to quit the trade they were engaged in.—Upon the suggestion that there is no occasion for such a company and that insurances of ships &c. cannot be upon a better foot than they are at present, Mr. Reeves observed, that at some particular seasons of the year, and for some particular voyages, such as to the West Indies or the Baltic, it is not easy to get immediately insurances; and that for great sums in any voyages whatsoever it was always difficult and required time to procure good insurance, which the company would constantly be ready to supply.—That as to the good opinion foreigners have of our present insurances, whereby merchants abroad are engaged to make use of them, and as to their being made now so cheap that those foreigners are able to allow, as they actually do, one or two per cent. for insuring the insurers, it was to be considered, that if our insurances came into greater credit as they would probably do by the good management of the company, foreigners would be the more encouraged to insure with us, especially if by the great security they would find in so large a fund as the company's stock, the præmiums now allowed for insuring insurers should become unnecessary.—That if it be an advantage to have more places to go to than one for insurances, it is an argument in favour of the company, which not excluding those who at present carry on that business would be another place for merchants to insure at.—That in the late war the losses by insolvencies upon insurances were very great, and the whole sum insured was hardly paid in any one considerable loss; that our merchants formerly insured at Hamburgh and Amsterdam, which it would be an advantage to this Kingdom to prevent by safe insurances at home such as might be most effectually depended upon from a company.—In conclusion, Mr. Reeves said, that the two chief objections to the company are vizt. :—"1st. That a company by low præmiums at first would beat the present subscribers of policies of insurance out of the business, and then raise the price of insurances as high as they pleased, and secondly, That upon any dispute with a company it would be much more chargeable and difficult to recover what might be justly due from them having so great a stock and consequently power."—In answer to the first of these objections, he said, that the company being not proposed to be exclusive, it would be against their interest not to insure as cheap, as particular persons with

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whom merchants would still be as much at liberty to insure as before.—And in relation to the difficulties supposed to be in case of dispute, to recover any just dues from the company, Mr. Reeves referred to the heads of a charter, where the method proposed for the company's answering any demands would appear as quick as could reasonably be desired; and therefore he said, he hoped their Lordships would please to report to his Majesty in favour of the petitioners for the company abovementioned.

Mr. Serjeant Pingelly then proceeded on the same side, and laid before their Lordships the inconveniences of the present management of insurances; and the advantages likely to accrue to the publick from the charter proposed.—As to the inconveniences, he said, that for long and hazardous voyages or for large sums to be insured, they go about to collect hands to subscribe the policies of insurance, and such large sums being divided into several parts, because the subscribers are unwilling to risk too much upon one bottom, it is not only difficult, but takes up much time to procure insurances, which is an impediment to trade.—That after the præmiums for insurances are paid to private persons, if the ship or goods comes to misfortune, a great part if not the whole insurance is often lost, in cases of dispute, for that as many different actions at law are required as there are particular subscribers, who stand each on their own bottoms; that such multiplicity of law suits occasions great expence as well as loss of time; and he referred to the list of insolvencies, which has been laid before the Board, whereby it would appear, how ill the merchants have been served by private insurers.—In relation to the advantages to the publick from the charter proposed, Mr. Serjeant Pingelly urged as a great benefit to the publick, the safety and security there will be to the insured from the sufficiency of the fund deposited, and which has been proposed to be made unalienable.—That there will be greater dispatch by the company in the issuing policies, and distributing of losses than can be expected from private persons; and if it be apprehended, tho' there is no room for such fear, that payments may be neglected by the company, a clause of limitation may be inserted in the charter, whereby it shall cease upon such neglects.—That as this will tend to quicken trade, it will of consequence be of more profit to the merchant and benefit to seamen.—That foreigners will be the more induced to insure with us when they find they may save the præmiums sometimes given for insuring the insurers.—That the constituting this corporation is just and lawful, the intended charter not excluding any persons who are not of the society, and not being within the description of a monopoly.—That private insurers may as well be expected to continue that business, as we see particular bankers continue at the same time with the Bank of England.—Mr. Serjeant Pingelly further added that this charter would effectually remedy the inconveniences mentioned in the statute of the 43rd of Queen Elizabeth concerning insurances and averages, and which were not sufficiently provided against by that Act.—That if the largeness of the fund only be alledged as an objection to the company, the same argument would hold against any man that had a greater stock than his neighbour or against co-partner-

*Mr. Serjeant Pingelly,
for the charter.*

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ships.—That if this undertaking by a company succeeds, it must be by the satisfaction they give to those who deal with them, and self interest will engage them to preserve than destroy themselves, in which last case the company only will sustain the loss.

Mr. Serjeant Page, in behalf of the merchants of London who petition against a charter for insuring ships &c. then proceeded to answer what had been offered by Mr. Reeves and Mr. Serjeant Pingelly as abovementioned for such a charter and said, that the adverse party did not complain of any grievance or inconvenience in the present method of insurance, but are projectors of what they imagine may be a benefit to trade, and which more probably will be a great prejudice to it, besides that he must contend that such a charter would not be according to law, for that not only all monopolies are against law but even whatever tends to a monopoly, which he alledged such a charter would to.—That a stock of 100,000*l.* would more than answer all the insurances to be made in England, whereas the projected company say they have a million subscribed, and if that be so, no single person would be able to contend with them when incorporated.—That by such a stock they may afford to lose in the beginning by insuring cheaper than particular persons can afford to do, till after a little time there will remain none but the company acquainted with the business, and if it prove a monopoly in effect, tho' not in words, it will be the same thing.—That merchants who at present employ their money to answer the insurances they subscribe, will employ it otherwise when the company shall be erected, and will not be ready to return again to the business of insurance, tho' the company should fail of performing what they pretend to, and use the publick ill ; that such inconveniences from a company are not so much to be expected at first as when the present insurers have left off that business.—And supposing the establishment of such a company were a matter indifferent in itself, Mr. Serjeant Page said, he presumed the Board would not advise the trying an experiment only for the sake of a project, when the insurances for ships were already upon so good a foot.—That it would not be prudent to put trade into hazard, where there was no apparent necessity ; and he urged that the people already in an employment ought not to be deprived of it without due proof of some inconvenience to the publick from their management.—In answer to what had been suggested on the other side concerning law suits, and the better dispatch of business, by a company than by particular persons, Mr. Serjeant Page observed, that there is a great difference between law suits against a company and those against private persons, the former being more able by the power of a large stock to answer the expence, to protract time and avoid justice.—That as private men must answer for themselves separately it is easier to prosecute one suit against a company who will be more likely to create disputes, than particular men, and in case of a war, wherein any considerable losses should happen, it would be worth a company's while to use shifts and evasions to avoid the payment of those losses. —That when a corporation is once settled, it is difficult to dissolve them, tho' they should not answer the ends of their charter, and after such dissolution it is not easy to determine, what

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method, if any, would be left for their creditors to recover their just debts.—As to the dispatch of business, the difficulty, he said, would be the same to get policies executed by the company as by private insurers, for that the company would have a committee to approve of policies to be signed, and have stated hours, whereas the present offices for insurances are open at all times, and if persons are absent at one office there are others constantly to go to.—That if a merchant fits out a ship at a season of the year, or for such a voyage, as the governors or officers of the company do not approve, they may think it their interest to be absent, and when other offices are laid down their merchant has no opportunity of insuring at all. Mr. Serjeant Page further observed that tho' the merchants of London are divided upon the subject of this charter, yet those who petition against it are the most in number and such as are most considerable for fortunes and estates, and that those who are solicitous for a company are such as probably think to share the profits of such company and tho' some of them are men of repute and good business, yet most of them are inconsiderable for estate or trade.—That several are known not to be merchants, and that the certificates produced in favour of a charter, are chiefly from inland places not much concerned in foreign trade.—That one great advantage which attends the present insurance offices and cannot be expected from a company, is, that in case of dispute and when there is occasion to make proof of a policy, the servants of the office keepers being witnesses to the policies signed by particular persons, it is much easier to prove such policies, than it would be to prove the policies of a corporation whose officers, it may be, dare not prove the policies that may be contested with their superiors.—And, in relation to foreigners, he said their commissions for attending a company for insurances, would be as chargeable as now, for procuring insurances from private offices.—That there is no such company abroad.—But that this would very much affect foreign trade, which when once fixed it is not easily to be altered, and that no change of trade ought to be attempted, where no inconvenience appears in the present method.—That in the course of nineteen years, and most of them time of war, the petitioners for a charter have been able to make appear no more than 6000*l.* loss by private insurers which is but inconsiderable, considering the time and circumstances.—And Mr. Serjeant Page concluded, that Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor-General having been attended by council on both sides on this subject, and the matter having been fully heard, they had reported to His Majesty their humble opinion “That the making an experiment in a thing of this nature, if it should prove amiss, would be of the utmost consequence to the trade of this nation, and that it so highly concerns trade and commerce, that it will be proper for the consideration of Parliament,” and Mr. Serjeant said, he hoped their Lordships would not for the considerations abovementioned, advise His Majesty to grant such a charter.

Mr. Talbot proceeding likewise, in behalf of the Merchants of London, petitioning against a charter for insuring ships, said, they were happy in having their petition referred to this Board, who have the trade of the kingdom more immediately under their

*Mr. Talbot,
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consideration.—That the petitioners for a charter, made specious pretences indeed, such as the improvement of trade, encouragement of seamen and advantages to the publick, which if they could be made appear, the merchants of London who at present oppose it, would rather join to promote it.—That hitherto there had been no such company, yet many and great insurances had been made to the satisfaction of merchants both at home and abroad, and that at this time the insurances made in the method hitherto practised with so much success are no more ineffectual than formerly, no more dilatory, but in good credit and the insurers ready to pay when losses happen of which good performance of the present insurers the nation feels the effect.—That there is no complaint of the insufficiency of the present insurers, and as there is no occasion for such charter the inconveniences that would attend the granting it ought with more reason to be avoided.—That it would destroy the present insurers, and if granted in terms exclusive would be against law.—That as it has been alledged, that the company will follow their interest in giving satisfaction by their insurances, so their interest will likewise lead them to exclude all private insurers.—After which Mr. Talbot enlarged to the same effect as Mr. Serjeant Page had done upon the following heads, vizt. :—The companies being able by their stock to lose at first, and after beating out the private insurers, retrieve upon the publick such loss ; the private insurers not resuming their business when once dispossessed of it ; the turning persons out of their present employments, and the advantage of having actions against several single persons rather than against a corporation.—And Mr. Talbot further added, in relation to the 6,000*l.* loss, with the petitioners for a charter have found in nineteen years from private insurers, that the sum was inconsiderable, and that corporations were not exempt from failing, in which case much greater losses might be apprehended to the persons insured—that the generality of the merchants here were easy in the present method of insurance as well as strangers abroad, and that there being a great deal of difficulty and prejudice apprehended, to trade by a corporation, he hoped their Lordships would not advise so dangerous an experiment.

*Mr. Serjeant Erle,
against a charter.*

Mr. Serjeant Erle, in behalf of the merchants of Bristol, who petition against the said charter, objected that it was far from being agreed on both sides, as had been suggested, that such a charter as proposed is consistent with law, it tending apparently to a monopoly. That before such a charter be granted some mismanagement of the present undertakers of insurances ought to be proved, or incontestable advantages arising from the charter made out.—That he knew of no difficulties in getting insurances from substantial persons for as large sums as have been hitherto required, nor have the council for the charter named any person that wanted a larger insurance than could be procured there.—And as to what had been observed relating to multiplicity of law suits and charges in cases of dispute where several particular persons underwrite policies of insurance, Mr. Serjeant Erle said, that the determination of a suit with any single subscribers for the most part concluded all the rest, but that a suit with a corporation was quite a different thing.—

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That the statute above quoted of Queen Elizabeth left the business of insurance at liberty.—And that the gentlemen concerned for a company, have not, as it might be expected they should, applied to the legislature in an affair of such importance to the trade of this kingdom.—He then enlarged, in substance, as Mr. Serjeant Page and Mr. Talbot had done in relation to the ruin of the present insurers, who, he added were men of integrity, and no malepractice laid to their charge.—The advantage of having many offices of insurance to go to, which a charter would effectually soon prevent.—The difficulty of obtaining dispatch in insuring with a company, as great, if not more than by attending private persons, since any one member of a committee of the company by raising doubts may obstruct what business he thinks fit.—That foreigners rather than contend with a company will pay more than the present small præmiums given for insuring insurers.—And as to the differences taken notice of in the Act of Parliament abovementioned which impowers the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London to decide them,—Those matters were generally made up privately by merchants and application seldom made to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen on account of the delay and tediousness and several inconveniencies to persons concerned which Mr. Serjeant Erle alledged would be the like case to persons who should be obliged to attend a company or committee of a company to adjust accounts upon losses.—And in conclusion, he referred to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General's report with whom he hoped their Lordships would concur, and not advise the present experiment that may prove so dangerous to trade, which he said was of too nice a nature to be constrained.—And if such a company could be thought reasonable, it would be a hardship that London should have such a privilege, exclusive of the out ports of the kingdom.—And that he hoped their Lordships would consider the worth of the petitioners both of London and Bristol against the charter, the petition from Bristol being signed by the mayor and eleven of the aldermen of that city.

Mr. Hungerford, who appeared with Mr. Serjeant Erle in behalf of the merchants of Bristol, represented to the Board, that it was agreed on all sides, if the intended charter for insuring ships employed a monopoly, it ought to go on no further, and he declared he was of opinion it would center in a monopoly in effect, he urged that power seldom keeps its bounds.—And instanced the new East India Company, who, by Act of Parliament were not to be exclusive of others.—That there were two persons who then traded separately to India, whom the Company at last found means to bring into their body when other methods failed; and as the Company imposed an oath on their members, as other companies may, those separate traders were soon swallowed up by the Company, and so the trade became in effect exclusive.—He likewise instanced the Bank of England which by its influence had rendered a land bank abortive.—That it is best judging of what may be expected from what we have found by experience.—And tho' such a charter as is now proposed should provide that any others besides the company may insure ships, yet the number of the present insurers would probably be

*Mr. Hungerford,
against a charter.*

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much abridged by their coming into the company which at last would ingross the whole business.—In relation to the clause proposed to be in the charter to inforce the company's appearance to suits in four days the sooner to determine differences with them, Mr. Hungerford objected that notwithstanding such a clause, if they should decline appearing, it would be difficult and tedious to compel them to it, or to vacate their charter.—And he instanced that the African Company in a particular case had not been brought to an appearance in four years.—But on the contrary he observed that arrest more immediately affect private persons than any process can do a company so that the latter cannot so easily be compelled to what is just.—And touching upon some of the points above-mentioned to the same purpose as the other gentlemen against the charter, Mr. Hungerford concluded that the people who keep the present insurance offices should be considered as persons in an honest and fair livelihood and not to be deprived of it without some reasonable objection against them—which he conceived such a charter would effectually do, it tending in its nature to a monopoly and stockjobbing which he could not think their Lordships would ever incourage.

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Mr. Reeves's reply
for the charter.*

In reply to what was answered as above by the counsel for the petitioners against a charter, Mr. Reeves, in behalf of the petitioners for it, referred to the petition it self for the names of the subscribers, who were men of substance and consideration and not such projectors as represented by their adversaries—That they desire not to exclude any others from the business of insurance, but only to erect an additional office of insurance whereby greater advantage might accrue to the public—That as to the legality of the charter proposed, he said, that in the report of Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor-General, no notice is taken of its being illegal or tending to a monopoly—That if the objections be true that the generality of merchants are resolved to follow their former method of insurance, the charter desired will not tend to a monopoly—That the argument of there never having been such a corporation will extend against everything, tho' never so good in itself, if the same has not been done before—That foreigners are not so unacquainted with our Corporations, but that they will understand, a million of pounds sterling to be a good security for their insurances, and as for stockjobbing, the fund proposed for this company being fixed and not imaginary, it is not adapted for stockjobbing—That the objection concerning the proof of policies, in order to put the same in suit is, groundless, for that the company can only act under their common seal, which will be less trouble to prove than in the present method of insuring where there is occasion for witnesses—That the 6,000*l.* loss by the failure of private insurers was only a specimen of such losses, and much less than the whole of what might have been proved—That many insurances are now made abroad, even for some of our own merchants, which it would be of advantage to the kingdom to have made here—In support of which, Mr. Reeves proposing to have the affidavit of Mr. Emmet read, Mr. Serjeant Page and Mr. Serjeant Erle objected thereto, as being irregular, and what ought to have been mentioned before the council for a charter came to their reply,

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besides, that Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor-General had declined the reading of that affidavit on the hearing before them ; whereupon the gentlemen on both sides were acquainted by the Board that they were not confined to the strict rules of proceedings in the courts of justice, but that their Lordships should at any time receive what information might be offered them from either side—Mr. Reeves then proceeded and said he was not instructed concerning what had been mentioned about a land bank, and the management of the East India Company &c. but that the African Company was an instance where a company and separate traders carried on the same commerce, and the separate traders had much the advantage of the company, so that it is not a necessary consequence, that companies tho' not exclusive do in the end destroy a separate trade—And as to the objection raised that the certificates before the Board from several cities and towns in favour of a company are not from places concerned in foreign trade, Mr. Reeves observed that Liverpool, Chester, Plymouth, Biddeford, Yarmouth, Falmouth, New Castle upon Tine, Dublin and Cork, from whence certificates of the most considerable merchants there, had been sent in favour of the company, could not be said to be inland towns, or denied to be places engaged in foreign trade.

Mr. Serjeant Pingelly subjoined and insisted that the certificates abovementioned were from the most proper places—That the petitioners for a company, desire only that such persons as are willing may come to insure with them—That insurances by a company will not extinguish other insurances, but afford another market for insurance—And the objections to the oppressions that might be occasioned by the power and large stock of the company proposed, would be an objection against all companies whatever—That if any particular inconveniences have been found in charters already granted they may be provided against by proper clauses to be inserted in this—That the expence of a suit at law with a company is very little more than that with a private person, and that in case of a dispute with the company, there will be occasion but for one action—That if the company should fail answering the payments expected, their credit and business would consequently fail—And he concluded, in reply to what had been said of its being proper to make application to the Legislature before such a charter be granted, that the granting of charters according to law is the prerogative of the Crown, and that therefore he hoped, the Board would recommend to His Majesty the granting such a charter as desired, which he was of opinion would not only be lawful, but greatly tend to the improvement of trade, and produce the other advantages thereby proposed to the public.

*Mr. Serjeant Pingelly
for the charter.*

May 15. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Nivine [*fos.* 238, 269, 270, 275], signifying his not being able to attend the Board this day, as he had been desired, and praying their Lordships would give him time till the middle of next week, was read ; whereupon ordered that he have notice to attend on Wednesday next accordingly.

*Antigua.
Letter from
Mr. Nivine,
excusing attendance.*

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Trade.

*Letter to
Lord Stanhope.
Laws of trade.
Czar's subjects.*

A letter to the Lord Stanhope [*fo.* 234], in answer to his of the 8th inst: relating to the laws of trade and navigation which affect the Czar's subjects, was agreed and signed.

Bermuda.

*Letter from
Colonel Bennett.
Doubts.
Pirates.
Proclamation.*

A letter from Col. Bennet, Govr. of Bermuda, dated 29th of March, 1718, relating to some doubts that have occurred to the pirates, [*fo.* 181, 328] which have obstructed their surrendering upon His Majesty's proclamation, was read, and a letter inclosing an extract of the said letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Trade.

*Treaty of commerce.
Venice.*

Their Lordships went thro' the consideration of the project of a treaty of commerce [*fo.* 238, 273] with Venice and ordered it to be transcribed.

May 16. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Bermuda.

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Craggs.
Extract of
Colonel Bennett's.
Pirates ;
proclamation.*

A letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs, ordered yesterday, to be prepared, for inclosing the extract of a letter from Col. Bennet, Govr. of Bermuda, dated 29th of March, 1718, relating to some doubts, that have occurred to the pirates, which have hindered several of them from surrendering upon His Majesty's proclamation, as also a former report to the Lords of the Council of 20th February last, relating to commissions to be prepared for empowering the Governor to pardon them, was agreed and signed.

Trade.

*Affidavits.
Insuring ships.*

Three affidavits from some merchants, in favour of a corporation [*fo.* 239, 299] for insuring ships, &c. at sea were read ; and ordered that copies of the said affidavits be given to those who petition against the said corporation.

Leeward Islands.

Mr. West.

Acts.

Mr. West attending, their Lordships proceeded in considering several Acts of the Leeward Islands, vizt. :—

An Act for the good government of negroes and other slaves in this Island.

An Act for laying on French sugars [*fo.* 267, 275], rum and melasses imported, both passed at Nevis, 1717.

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*Mr. Solicitor-
General's report.
Letter from
Colonel Jory.
Representation ordered.*

Which Acts with Mr. Solicitor-General's report upon them, and a letter from Col. Jory, desiring the said Acts may be confirmed, were read ; whereupon ordered that a representation [*fo.* 273] be prepared to his Majesty for his Royal Approbation of the first mentioned Act ; and their Lordships agreed that the latter should lye by probationary [*fo.* 267, 275].

St. Christophers.

Acts.

Then the Acts of St. Christophers undermentioned, were severally read, and the notes, as expressed, under the title of each Act, were agreed to by Board, vizt. :—

An Act to ascertain the bounds of possessions in the late French ground, passed in 1715.

No objection, expired.

Additional Act to an Act to ascertain the bounds of possessions in the late French ground, passed in 1715. No objection.

An Act for the settlement of the militia, passed in 1715. To lay by.

An Act to explain part of the Militia Act, past in 1716. Expires August, 1718.

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An Act laying a duty on sugars exported to any other island in this Government for the use of the fortifications, passed in 1715.

To lay by.

An Act regulating fees of the several offices and courts, passed in 1715.

To lay by.

An Act for raising a levy to discharge the publick debts, passed in 1714.

Expired.

An Act to repeal a clause in the common law suit, passed in 1715.

No objection.

An Act raising a tax on trade to defray the publick charges, passed in 1715.

Expired.

Ordered that the Act for the good government of servants &c., and for encouraging the importation of servants, be sent to Mr. West for his perusal.

*Act sent to
Mr. West.*

May 20. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Col. Spotswood [*fo.* 49, 93, 283] Lieut. Govr. of Virginia, dated the 27th of February last, was read, and the accounts of the revenue of 2s. per hogshead in Virginia from the 25th October, 1717, therein referred to, was laid before the Board.

Virginia.
*Letter from
Colonel Spotswood.
Account of revenue.*

A memorial from Don Bernardo de Guardia and Mr. Diharce, [*fo.* 99] praying copies of the several papers before this Board relating to the Spanish belandra seized, and some time ago condemned at Jamaica, was read, and the said gentlemen were acquainted that their Lordships would consider thereof, and give them an answer in a few days.

Jamaica.
*Memorial.
Don Bernardo de
Guardia.
Spanish belandra.*

The draught of a representation upon the petitions, memorials and other papers received from the Marquis de Wignacourt [*fo.* 224, 274], Mr. Coram and others, who desire a settlement between New England and Nova Scotia, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

**New England.
Nova Scotia.**
*Representation ordered.
Settlement.*

A representation upon an Act passed at Nevis in 1717 [*fo.* 270, 362], intituled, an Act for the good government of negroes and other slaves in this island, was agreed and signed.

Nevis.
*Act.
representation signed.*

A letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs [*fo.* 268], transmitting to him the project of a treaty of commerce with Venice, with observations thereon, was signed.

Trade.
*Letter to Mr. Craggs.
Treaty with Venice.*

May 21. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

Their Lordships proceeded in considering the two Acts of Jamaica passed there the 31st of August, 1717, intituled,

Jamaica.
Two acts.

An Act for relief of widows and orphans in relation to deficiencies, and

An Act for the more effectual punishing of crimes committed by slaves.

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*read with Mr.
Attorney-General's
report.*

New England.

Nova Scotia.

*New settlement.
Representation signed.*

Trade.

*Mr. Mackburney.
Royal fishery.*

*Caveat against
new charter.*

Antigua.

*Mr. Nivine.
Act.*

Mountserrat.

*Mr. West.
Acts.*

*St. Christophers.
Act*

to lie by.

Massachusetts Bay.

*Acts.
Letter from
Mr. Tailor.*

which Acts were read, as likewise Mr. Attorney-General's report thereupon; and their Lordships had no objection against either of the said Acts, but observed, that the first mentioned Act would be of no further use, the Act to which it refers being repealed; and as to the Act for the more effectual punishment of crimes committed by slaves, their Lordships agreed to let it lye by as probationary.

A representation upon the petitions, memorials and other papers received from the Marquis de Wignacourt [*fo.* 272], Mr. Coram, Armstrong and others, who desire a settlement between New England and Nova Scotia, as agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Mr. Mackburney, Secretary to the Company for the Royal Fishery, attending, as desired, their Lordships had some discourse with him, concerning the charter granted for such a company in the reign of King Charles the 2nd and the charter for a fishery company which several lords and others have lately petitioned for; and being particularly asked, what the said company had done for promoting the fishery; he said the Board of Trade had formerly required an account thereof from him, which, upon changes in the ministry, he had not completed; whereupon their Lordships desired the said account as soon as he could perfect the same; as likewise a copy of the said charter, for which he promised to move the company, and added, that he believed the said company would put in a caveat against any new charter.

Mr. Nivine [*fo.* 267, 269, 270, 328], Agent for Antigua, attending, their Lordships had some discourse with him concerning the Act, passed at that island in 1716, to prohibit the importation of French or other foreign sugars, rum, &c. Whereupon he was directed to bring to their Lordships in writing what he had offered in favour of the said Act.

Mr. West attending, their Lordships then took into consideration the two Acts undermentioned, passed at Montserrat in 1715, which were read vizt. :—

An Act to repeal the Acts entituled, the six pound Act, and

An Act for raising a levy or tax.

To which their Lordships had no objection, but observed, that the former Act not reciting the title of that, which was thereby intended to be repealed, it actually repealed nothing, and that the latter Act has had its effect.

And upon the Act passed in the said Island of Montserrat in 1704, entituled, an Act for quieting possessions and better securing the title of land [*fo.* 292], Mr. West was desired to consider the same, and to compare it with the Act passed in 1702, for quieting men's estates &c, which is repealed.

The Act passed at St. Christophers the 10th of January, 1715, entituled, an Act for the good governing of servants, ordering the rights between masters and servants and to encourage the importation of servants, was read; and their Lordships agreed to let the same lye by probationary.

Their Lordships proceeded to consider several Acts of the Massachusetts Bay, and the letter from Mr. Tailor of the 21st July, 1716, then Lieut. Governor of that province, transmitting the said Acts,

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was read ; as were likewise the Acts passed there in 1715, whereof the titles are undermentioned ; the notes agreed by their Lordships upon each Act being expressed under each particular title, vizt. :—

An Act in addition to an Act for erecting of a powder house in Boston.

No objection, to lye by.

An Act to prevent the oppression of debtors.

No objection, to lye by.

An Act for preventing damage to the housing and other estate, within the several towns of this province.

To lye by.

An Act in addition to the Act, entituled, an Act against counterfeiting the bills of credit of this province, passed in the 3rd year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne.

No other objection, but remark to the Govr. the instruction about fines and forfeitures being granted to the Crown.

An Act in further addition to the Act for encouraging the killing of wolves, made in the 5th year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary.

No other objection, but remark instructions as above.

An Act for maintaining and propagating of religion.

No objection to it.

An Act for reviving and further continuing of an Act entituled, an Act to inable creditors to receive their just debts out of the effects of their absent and absconding debtors, made and passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly at their session upon the 26th day of May, 1708 in the 7th year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne.

No objection.

An Act for the encouraging the raising hemp within this province.

No objection.

An Act for holding and keeping a Superior Court of Judicature Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of Hampshire.

No objection.

Qr. any such Act repealed.

An Act to prevent the unnecessary journeying of the representatives.

No objection.

An Act for the better regulating of town and proprietary meetings.

No objection.

An Act in addition to the Act, entituled, an Act for the regulating of townships, choice of town officers, and setting forth their power made and passed in the fourth of William and Mary.

No objection.

An Act in addition to an Act, entituled, An Act for the settlement and distribution of the estates of intestates, made and passed in the fourth year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary.

No objection.

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Jamaica.
Letter from
Colonel Heywood.
Pirates.

Newfoundland.
Letter from
Mr. Lowndes.
Captain Taverner.
Answer to be prepared.

Nova Scotia.
Letters from
Captain Doucet.
Papers.

May 22. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Col. Heywood, Commander in Chief of Jamaica, dated the 17th of March, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$ relating to the surrender of several pirates there, was read.

Upon consideration of Mr. Lowndes's letter [*fo.* 211, 290], mentioned in the minutes of the 29th of the last month, relating to Captain Taverner, who has been employed in the survey of Newfoundland; directions were given for preparing an answer to the said letter.

The letters undermentioned from Capt. Doucet, Lieut. Govr. of Annapolis Royal, to the Board, as likewise one to the Secretary, were read, and the papers therein severally referred to laid before their Lordships vizt. :—

A letter from Capt. Doucet, to the Board, dated the 6th of November, 1717.

1st. Form of an oath proposed to the French inhabitants.

2nd. Answer of the said French inhabitants.

Another letter from him to their Lordships, dated 1st of February, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$.

A second letter from Captain Doucet to the Board, dated 1st February, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$.

Copy of an address of officers and British inhabitants of Annapolis to the King.

A third letter from him to the Board, of the 6th February, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$.

1st. Copy of Capt. Southack's letter to the Lieut. Govr. of Annapolis Royal.

2nd. Representation of the inhabitants and merchants of Annapolis Royal to the Lieut. Governor.

A letter from him of the same date, to the Secretary.

A fourth letter from Capt. Doucet to the Board of 10th February, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$.

1st. Mr. Doucet's letter to Mr. Melanson at Minos, dated December 5th, 1717.

2nd. Mr. Doucet's letter to Father Felix, Priest at Minos, dated December 5th, 1717.

3rd. Mr. Melanson's answer, dated 25th January, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$.

4th. Answer of several French inhabitants.

St. Christophers.
Extract of a letter
from Mr. Burchal.
Crabb Island
destroyed by Spaniards.

The extract of a letter from Mr. Burchal to Mr. Cuninghame, dated at St. Christophers the 10th of March last, signifying that the English settlement at Crabb Island has been destroyed by the Spaniards [*fo.* 301.]

Virginia.
Letter from
Colonel Spotswood.
Answer to be prepared.

Upon further consideration of Col. Spotswood's letter [*fo.* 272, 337] of the 27th of February last, mentioned in the minutes of the 20th inst., directions were given for preparing an answer thereto.

May 23. Present :—Mr. Doeminiue, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their Lordships made a progress in considering the draught of a representation upon Col. Philips' memorials [*fo.* 211, 291], relating to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Nova Scotia.
Newfoundland.
Draught of
representation.
Colonel Philips.

Lieut. General Carpenter, Govr. and Col. Kane, Lieut. Governor of Minorca [*fo.* 211, 295], attending, General Carpenter presented to their Lordships a memorial concerning the making of salt in that island, which was read; and it being observed to them, that Mr. de Soulies was the first that appeared to the Board to have proposed the setting up salt works there, Col. Kane said, he had writ to the Government here some years ago upon that subject, but that no resolution had been taken thereupon; and General Carpenter acquainted the Board, that the said De Soulies' application to Parliament, and representing the making salt at Minorca so much more considerable a thing than he looks upon it to be, had prevented him from addressing His Majesty or this Board concerning it, but that he was willing with the other officers upon that island to make the experiment.

Mr. West being present, their Lordships then proceeded in considering several Acts passed in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in 1716; and upon reading nine of the said Acts, and no objections arising thereupon their Lordships agreed to let them lye by probationary, vizt. :—

An Act for granting unto His Majesty an excise upon wines, liquor and other strong drink sold by retail.

An Act for the more effectual discovering of the rateable estates within this Province for a just and true valuation thereof.

An Act relating to the Great Bridge in Billerica.

An Act stating the fees of the Custom House officers within this Province.

An Act in addition to the Act for regulating fees, made and passed in the 4th of King William and Queen Mary, taking the fees of the officers of the Court of Admiralty.

An Act in further addition to an Act relating to sureties upon mean process in civil actions made and passed at a session of the Genl. Court or Assembly the 8th November, 1693, in the 5th of King William and Queen Mary.

An Act for further continuing an Act for the better regulation of swine going at large, in addition to the Act for the regulating of fences, cattle, &c. and for the explanation thereof made and passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly at their session upon Wednesday the 10th of February, 1713 in the 12th of her late Majesty Queen Anne.

An Act for the change or alteration of the surname of Spencer Bennet, alias Phipps, of Cambridge, Esqr.

An Act for appointing and assessing a tax of 11051*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* upon polls and estates.

The Acts passed at the same time, whereof the titles are under-mentioned, were likewise read, and Mr. West was desired to consider the Act in further addition to the Act for making lands and tenements liable to the payments of debts, made and passed in the 8th of King William, wherewith Mr. Dummer, agent for that province, was ordered to be acquainted.

The Act for reviving and further continuing, an Act directing how rates and taxes to be granted by the General Assembly shall be assessed and collected made and passed upon the 31st of May,

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*Memorial from
General Carpenter,
etc.*

Salt.

Mr. de Soulies.

Colonel Kane.

Massachusetts Bay.

Mr. West.

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1699 in the 12th of King William the 3rd, was found to have expired in 1717; as likewise the Act for granting to His Majesty several rates and duties of impost and tonnage of shipping.

Act.

And upon reading the Act for the further continuing of an Act, entituled, an Act against hawkers, pedlars and petty chapmen, made and passed by the great and general Court or Assembly at their session, upon Wednesday 27th May, 1713, in the 12th of her late Majesty Queen Anne, with the said Act, entituled an Act against hawkers, pedlars and petty chapmen. Ordered that the Govr. of the Massachusetts Bay be writ to for the reasons for passing the last mentioned Act.

*Governor to be writ to.***Barbados.**

*Act.
Mr. West,
Mr. Walker,
and agents.*

The Act passed at Barbados in 1715, entituled, an Act empowering licentiate lawyers to practise as barristers in this Island [*fo.* 223, 346], being delivered to Mr. West for his consideration and opinion thereupon, ordered that Mr. Walker, who has made application to the Board in relation to the said Act, as also the Barbados agents, be acquainted therewith.

May 27. Present:—Earl of Holderness, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Newfoundland.
Captain Taverner.

Capt. Taverner [*fo.* 281, 290], Surveyor of Newfoundland attending, the papers undermentioned, which have been lately received from him, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Papers.

Copies of letters from Mr. Secretary Stanhope (now Lord Stanhope) to Capt. Taverner and to the Lords of the Treasury.

Copy of Capt. Taverner's 2nd report relating to Newfoundland.

Account of French ships and inhabitants at St. Peters, &c.

Capt. Taverner's remarks upon some proceedings at Placentia.

Copies of Col. Moody's orders to Capt. Taverner with the French declaration and oath to be administered to the French inhabitants.

A new chart or a new map of Newfoundland from Cape St. Marys to Cape Lahun, surveyed by Capt. Taverner,

and the said copies of letters from the Lord Stanhope were read; Capt. Taverner being particularly asked about printing the chart abovementioned, he said he had no objection to its being printed at the publick charge.

*Draught of a letter to
Mr. Lowndes.*

Capt. Taverner being withdrawn, their Lordships agreed the draught of a letter from the Secretary to Mr. Lowndes [*fo.* 281] in answer to his of the 24th, which was mentioned in the minutes of the 29th of the last month, relating to the said Taverner.

Trade.
*Mr. Mackburney
fishery charter.*

Mr. Mackburney [*fo.* 226, 291], Secretary to the Fishery Company, attending, presented to the Board a copy of the charter granted to the said company by King Charles the 2nd in the 29th year of his reign; and the said Mr. Mackburney being withdrawn, their Lordships agreed the draught of a representation to his Majesty upon the petition of several lords and others for a new patent for carrying on the fishery, referred to this Board by Order of Council, mentioned in the minutes of the 24th of February last, and directed the said draught of a representation to be transcribed.

*Draught of
representation.*

The draught of a representation upon Col. Philips's memorials [fo. 284, 292] mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting relating to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

May 30. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Bladen.

The representation agreed at the last meeting upon the petition [fo. 290] of several lords and others for a new patent for carrying on the fishery, was signed.

The representation agreed likewise the last meeting, upon Col. Philips's memorials [fo. 291] relating to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, was signed.

Mr West attending, his report upon an Act passed at Montserrat [fo. 276, 347] in the 4th year of her late Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for quieting possessions and for the better securing and confirming the titles of land in this Island, was laid before the Board.

June 10. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Bladen.

Col. Daniel Smith [fo. 302], Lieut. Governor of Nevis, attending, presented to their Lordships a letter from the Council and Assembly of that island, dated the 12th of March last, in favour of General Hamilton, desiring he may be continued in the government of the Leeward Islands, which letter was read.

An Order of Council of the 16th of March last referring to their Lordships a petition of several inhabitants and traders to New Jersey against an Act passed in that province confirmed by his Majesty [fo. 86, 299], entitled, an Act that the solemn affirmation and declaration of the people called Quakers shall be accepted instead of an oath in the usual form, and for qualifying and enabling the said people to serve as jurors and to execute any office or place of trust or profit within the said province of New Jersey, was this day brought to the Board and read, together with the copy of the said petition thereunto annexed; whereupon ordered that the petitioners have notice to attend the Board on Tuesday morning next, and that the several papers in the Office relating thereto be looked out to be laid before the Board.

Col. Kane, Lieut. Governor of Minorca, attending, together with Mr. de Soulies, in relation to the making salt at that island, and the said de Soulies being asked whether he were content, that Genl. Carpenter and Col. Kane should have a patent if his Majesty should think fit to grant the same for making salt there, as they had proposed, he declared himself satisfied, that they should have such patent, he relying upon their honour for the encouragement which they had promised to give him in the undertaking.

Col. Kane and Mr. De Soulies [fo. 284, 296] being withdrawn, their Lordships gave some directions for preparing the draught of a representation upon the said De Soulies petition and Genl. Carpenter's and Col. Kane's memorials, concerning the making salt at Minorca as aforesaid.

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Nova Scotia.
*Draught of
representation.
Colonel Philips.*

Trade.
*Representation.
Fishery.*

Nova Scotia.
*Representation.
Colonel Philips.*

Montserrat.
*Mr. West.
Act.*

Nevis.
*Colonel Smith.
Letter.
General Hamilton.*

New Jersey.
*Order of Council.
Petition.
Act.*

*Petitioners
summoned.*

Trade.
Colonel Kane.

*Representation.
Salt.
Minorca.*

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June 11. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doeminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Bladen.

Jamaica.
Act.

Upon consideration of the Act passed at Jamaica the 18th of February, 171³/₄, entitled, an Act for ascertaining the number of ports of entry in this Island, and obliging officers to keep deputies at such ports, and to prevent all clandestine trade, ordered that a copy thereof be prepared and sent to Mr. Carkesse, and that he be desired to move the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs for their opinion thereupon.

Copy sent to
Mr. Carkesse.

Trade.
Representation.

A representation directed yesterday [*fo.* 295] to be prepared upon the petition of Mr. De Soulies and the memorials of Lieut. General Carpenter and Col. Kane, concerning the making salt at Minorca, was agreed and signed.

Salt.

Memorial.

Their Lordships taking into further consideration the memorial of Mr. William Ingram [*fo.* 207, 303], mentioned in the minutes of the 23rd of April last, relating to the transportation of wool to foreign parts ; ordered that the said Mr. Ingram be desired to attend this Board on Wednesday morning next, and to bring with him in writing the best account he can give, of whatever was transacted by the gentlemen mentioned in the said memorial to be appointed by Act of Parliament in the first year of King William and Queen Mary for preventing the transportation of wool.

Wool.
Mr. Ingram
summoned.

June 12. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Bladen.

Trade.
Letter to
Mr. Craggs.
Lisbon.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs, in answer to that from Mr. Secretary Addison of the 6th of January last, relating to a complaint of the Consul and Factory at Lisbon against Mr. Francis La Roche [*fo.* 203] for refusing to accept the office of treasurer to the said Factory, was agreed and signed.

Leeward Islands.
Colonel Matthew.

Col. Matthew, Lieut. General of the Leeward Islands, being lately arrived from the said Islands, came to wait on the Board and acquainted their Lordships that he should be ready to attend them to give account of affairs in that Government, whenever their Lordships pleased.

Trade.
Draught of
representation.
Insurance of ships.

Their Lordships then proceeded in considering the draught of a representation upon the three Orders in Council of the 2nd of February last and petitions relating to the insurance of ships, &c. at sea [*fo.* 269, 300], which are mentioned in the minutes of the 14th of May, and the said draught was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

New Jersey.
Mr. Parris.
Act.
Quakers.

Mr. Parris, solicitor for the person whose petition against an Act of New Jersey concerning the solemn affirmation of Quakers [*fo.* 294, 303] is referred to the Board by the Order in Council, mentioned in the minutes of the 10th inst., attending, and being asked several questions concerning the said Act and petition &c. he owned that tho' the said Act was passed in the year 1713, he knew of no complaints made to this Board against it, till the petition abovementioned.—That he was informed Mr. Thomas Clarke and Mr. Joseph Lowe, two of the petitioners, are inhabitants of New Jersey, and at present returned thither ; and as to the said Order being

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brought no sooner to the Board, he said the matter being left to him, his own indisposition had been the occasion of it.

June 13. Present :—Earl of Holderness, Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Bladen.

A representation as agreed at the last meeting [*fo.* 299], upon three Orders in Council, referring to this Board the petitions of several merchants relating to the insurance of ships &c. at sea, was signed.

June 18. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. Richard Coope attending, and his power of attorney from Penelope Gardiner (now Penelope Walwin) one of the sufferers by the French invasion of Nevis, as also from Thomas Walwin Junr. her husband, being examined at the Board, the debenture numbered 495 was delivered to the said Richard Coope.

A letter from Genl. Hamilton, Govr. of the Leeward Islands, dated the 15th of March last, relating to Mr. Stoddard's complaint [*fo.* 85, 307] against him for granting to Mr. Millikin a plantation which was possessed by the said Stoddard, was read.

Another letter from Genl. Hamilton, Govr. of the Leeward Islands of the same date, relating chiefly to the Spaniards invading and seizing Crabb Island [*fo.* 283, 308] and to the want of naval protection at the Leeward Islands, was read; whereupon a letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs, inclosing to him an extract of the said letter from General Hamilton for his Majesty's pleasure on the foresaid proceedings of the Spaniards, and about ships of war for the Leeward Islands, was agreed and signed.

A letter from the Lieut. Govr. Council and Assembly of Antigua, dated the 3rd of March last, relating to the good behaviour of Genl. Hamilton [*fo.* 292] in his government of the Leeward Islands, and desiring he may be continued therein, was read.

A letter from several planters, inhabitants, merchants and traders of Antigua, dated the 4th of March last, in favour likewise of Genl. Hamilton, and desiring he may be continued their Governor, was read.

Col. Matthew, Lieut. General of the Leeward Islands, and Lieut. Governor of St. Christophers, having left at the office a duplicate of his Majesty's licence to him to be absent from the Leeward Islands six months from his leaving the said Islands, dated the 3rd of March, 171⁵/₈, the same was read.

The copy of a letter from the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, dated the 22nd of June, 1715 relating to the salt trade at the Isle of May, being communicated to the Board, the same was read.

Mr. William Ingram [*fo.* 297, 359] attending, according to appointment, but not being ready to lay before their Lordships the account expected from him of the proceedings of the persons appointed in the first year of King William and Queen Mary for preventing the transportation of wool, he was desired to bring the said account as soon as he conveniently could.

Trade.

*Representation.
Insurance of ships.*

Nevis.

Mr. Richard Coope.

Debenture.

Leeward Islands.

*Letter from
General Hamilton.
Stoddard's complaint.*

Spaniards.

*Crabb Island.
Letter to Mr. Craggs.*

Antigua.

*Letter from the
Lieutenant Governor.
Good behaviour of
General Hamilton.*

*Letter from planters,
etc., on the same subject.*

Colonel Matthew.

License of absence.

Trade.

*Copy of a letter from
the Lords of the
Admiralty to Mr.
Secretary Stanhope.
Salt.—Isle of May.
Mr. Ingram.*

*Transportation of
wool.*

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Leeward Islands.
*Draught of a letter to
 the Lords of the
 Treasury.*
*Poor inhabitants of
 Anguilla.*

New Jersey.
*Representation on
 the Quakers Act.*

Massachusetts Bay.
Mr. West.
Acts.

Their Lordships gave some directions for preparing the draught of a letter to the Lords of the Treasury [*fo.* 307] upon what Genl. Hamilton writes in his last mentioned letter of the 15th of March on the subject of the poor inhabitants of Anguilla.

A representation upon the Order of Council, mentioned in the minutes of the 10th inst. [*fo.* 299] on a petition, relating to an Act of New Jersey, concerning the solemn affirmation of Quakers there, was agreed, transcribed and signed.

Mr. West attending, their Lordships proceeded in considering the eight undermentioned Acts of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, which were severally read, and no objection appeared to the Board against any of them, vizt. :—

An Act in addition to the Act, entituled an Act for the better observation and keeping of the Lords Day.

An Act for settling grants.

An Act, in addition to the Act, entituled An Act for the punishing criminal offenders.

An Act, in addition to an Act for the orderly consummating of marriages.

An Act for the more effectual preventing default in the appearance of jurors.

An Act for the making and emitting the sum of one hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit on this Province in such manner as in the said Act is hereafter expressed.

All passed in November, 1716.

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An Act for the bringing forward all writs, pleas and other process, which were to have been heard and tried at the General Sessions of the Peace and Inferiour Court of Common Pleas respectively, at their sessions on the first Tuesday in March, 1716, unto the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth on the third Tuesday of June, 1717.

Passed 10th April, 1717.

An Act for apportioning and assessing a tax of 11,000*l.* upon polls and estates.

Passed 17th July, 1717.

June 19. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

St. Christophers.
*Memorial from
 Colonel Matthew
 recommending
 councillors.*

A memorial from Col. Matthew, Lieut. General of the Leeward Islands and Lieut. Govr. of St. Christophers, in behalf of Charles Payne, Benjamin Estridge and John Garnet of that island Esqrs. praying they may be recommended to his Majesty to supply three vacancies at present in his Majesty's Council of the said Island of St. Christophers, was read; and Col. Matthew attending, was asked several questions upon that subject, whereupon he said that the three vacancies abovementioned were occasioned by the death of John Panton and Ralph Willet Esqrs., and by the resignation of John Helden Esqr., which last being Collector of the Customs in the said island, did about two years ago send a message to the Council desiring to be excused from his attendance there. That this application was not indeed by direction of Genl. Hamilton the

Govr. in Chief, but that the said Col. Matthew assured their Lordships the persons now proposed to be councillors in St. Christophers were not disagreeable to the General.

The copy of an Order in Council of the 9th of February last, upon a representation of this Board, dated the 24th of January foregoing, relating to the petition of Christopher Stoddard [*fo.* 301], praying to be reinstated in a plantation in the Island of St. Christophers, of which he was dispossessed by Mr. Millikin, was read.

A letter ordered yesterday to be prepared to the Lords of the Treasury [*fo.* 303], upon what Genl. Hamilton, Govr. of the Leeward Islands, writes in his letter of the 15th of March last, relating to the poor inhabitants of Anguilla, and concerning the late French lands in St. Christophers, was agreed and signed.

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*Copy of an Order in Council.
Representation.
Stoddard's petition.*

Leeward Islands.
*Letter to the Lords of the Treasury.
Poor inhabitants of Anguilla.*

June 20. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Tickle, dated this day, acquainting the Secretary for the information of this Board, that Mr. Secretary Craggs has signified His Majesty's pleasure to Mr. Stanhope, His Majesty's Minister at Madrid, that he make a complaint at that Court for the Spaniards seizing Crabb Island [*fo.* 301], was read.

The Copy of an Order of Council of the 14th upon the representation of this Board, dated the 1st of May, 1718, relating to an Act passed in Carolina [*fo.* 220], whereby a duty is laid on all British manufactures imported there, was read, whereupon their Lordships gave directions for sending to Mr. Carkesse a copy of the said Order for the information of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs.

Mr. West attending, their Lordships proceeded in considering the Acts passed in the Provinces of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire as undermentioned, and the said Acts being severally read, their Lordships agreed and directed to be noted thereupon, as expressed under each respective title, vizt. :—

Acts of the Massachusetts Bay passed in 1717.

An Act for granting unto His Majesty several rates and duties of impost and tonnage of shipping.

Expires 29th June, 1718.

An Act, in addition to an explanation of two Acts, referring to the regulating of fees, &c.

No objection.

An Act for reviving and further continuing of an Act, entituled, an Act for explanation of and supplement to the Act referring to the poor, &c. made in the 9th year of the reign of Queen Anne.

To lye by.

An Act to inable the Commissioners of Bankrupt Estates to finish the business of their commissions.

No objection.

An Act, in addition to an Act entituled an Act relating to the duty and office of a coroner made in the 12th year of King William the Third.

No objection.

Leeward Islands.
Letter from Mr. Tickle.

*Crabb Island.
Carolina.
Order of Council.
Representation.
Act.
Copy of Order sent to Mr. Carkesse.*

**Massachusetts Bay.
New Hampshire.**
Mr. West.

Acts.

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An Act for reviving and further continuing of an Act entituled, an Act directing how rates and taxes to be granted by the General Assembly shall be assessed and collected, made and passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly at their Sessions upon the 31st of May, 1699, in the 12th year of the reign of the late King William. No objection.

Expires 30 June, 1722.

Acts of New Hampshire.

An Act granting unto her Majesty certain duties on importation and exportation, &c.

Passed in 1714, expired in 1715.

Acts.

An Act granting unto his Majesty certain duties on importation, &c. Passed in 1715.

An Act for the inspecting and suppressing of disorders in licensed houses.

Passed in 17 $\frac{1}{8}$, to lye by.

An Act for a constables watch.

Passed in 17 $\frac{1}{8}$. No objection.

*Antigua.
Act*

Ordered that the Act passed at Antigua the 1st of March, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$, [fo. 347] entituled an Act to inable Arthur Freeman and Dorothy his wife, to sell and convey a certain plantation within the said island, to raise portions and make provision for Henry Symms and Eliz. Athy, children to the said Dorothy by her former husband George Symms, deceased, be sent to Mr. West for his opinion thereupon.

sent to Mr. West.

June 24. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

*St. Christophers.
Mr. Coope.*

Mr. Richard Coope attending, and his powers of attorney from several of the sufferers by the French invasion of St. Christophers being examined at the Board, the nine Debentures numbered 595, 614, 618, 620, 621, 625, 631, 644 and 647 were delivered to the said Mr. Coope.

Debentures.

*Trade.
Tobacco.*

Their Lordships having under consideration some matters relating to the tobacco trade, directed the Secretary of this Board to write to Mr. Lowndes, desiring him to move the Lords of the Treasury, that a letter may be writ to the Commissioners of the Customs in Scotland for accounts of the quantity of tobacco imported into that part of the kingdom for three years last, of the amount of the duties paid thereupon, as also of the drawback on re-export of tobacco in that time.

June 25. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

*Massachusetts.
Letters
and
Papers.*

Their Lordships took into consideration and read several letters received some time ago from the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, and the several papers therein respectively referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

*Letter from
Mr. Tailer.*

A letter from Mr. Tailer, Lieut. Govr. of the Massachusetts Bay, dated the 30th of December, 1712.

*Letter from.
the Governor.*

Letter from Col. Dudley, Govr. of New England, dated the 24th August, 1713.

Commissioners' Agreement for settling the Line between the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and the Colony of Connecticut in 1713.

Account of the Expence and remains of powder and other stores of War in New Hampshire in 1713.

Account of Ordnance and other stores of War in the several Forts and Magazines in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, the 24th of June, 1713.

Three proclamations published in the province of the Massachusetts Bay.

Letter from Mr. Addington to the Secretary, dated 24th August, 1713, transmitting papers of publick proceedings.

Letter from Col. Dudley to the Secretary, dated 25th August, 1713, acknowledging the receipt of the paquet for proclaiming the Peace.

Letter from Col. Dudley, dated in November, 1713, recommending Col. Rednap Engineer for the Governments in North America.

Letter from Col. Dudley, dated the 1st of December, 1713.

Letter from Col. Dudley, dated the 13th July, 1714, transmitting an Account of Ordnance and Stores in both the Governments of the Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Six accounts of Ordnance, Ammunition and Stores of War of the Massachusetts and New Hampshire, ending in June, 1714.

Letter to the Secretary from Mr. Addington dated 16th August, 1714, transmitting minutes of Council and Assembly, with a list of Acts.

Letter from Col. Dudley, dated the 19th August, 1714, relating to his having proclaimed the Treaties of Peace and Commerce between Great Britain and Spain, and inclosing the present State of the Castle, Forts and stores of all sorts, together with the minutes of the Council and Assembly to the 24th June, 1714 and to his present to the Indians &c.

The submission and Agreement of the Eastern Indians to and with the Crown of Great Britain, signed at Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, 13th July, 1714.

Letter from Col. Dudley to the Secretary, dated the 19th August, 1714, with publick papers.

Letter from Col. Dudley to the Secretary, relating to a Bank Credit to be raised in New England, dated October the 3rd, 1714.

Order of the Govr. and Council of 20th August, 1714, forbidding the projectors of a Bank of Credit to print any Scheme relating thereto.

Memorial and representation of Paul Dudley Esqr. Attorney General of New England, to the Govr. and Council, containing his remarks on the project for raising a Bank of Credit there.

A letter to Genl. Hamilton, Govr. of the Leeward Islands, was agreed and signed.

A representation [*fo.* 361] proposing John Gamble Esqr. to be of the Council of Antigua, was signed.

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Papers.

*Letter from
Mr. Addington.*

*Letter from
the Governor.*

*Letter from
the Governor.*

*Letter from
the Governor.
Massachusetts.
New Hampshire.*

*Letter from
the Governor.
Ordnance stores.*

*Letter from
Mr. Addington.
Minutes of Council
etc.*

*Letter from
the Governor.*

*Treaties with Spain.
Present state of
Castles etc.
Minutes of Council etc.
Present to Indians.*

*Submission of the
Eastern Indians.*

*Letter from
the Governor.*

*Massachusetts.
Letter from
the Governor.
Bank of Credit.
Papers.*

*Leeward Islands.
Letter to the Governor
signed.*

*Antigua.
Representation.
Councillors.*

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Papers.
Suspension
Colonel Morris,
Mr. Marsh.
Doctor Wickham.

New Hampshire.
Mr. West.
Acts.

Their Lordships taking again into consideration the several papers transmitted to this Board [*fo.* 229, 329], relating to the suspension of Col. Morris from the said Council of Antigua, ordered that Mr. Marsh, Solicitor for Doctor Wickham, who appears for the said Col. Morris, be acquainted that the Board have appointed this day sev'night for hearing what they may have to offer concerning the said suspension.

Mr. West attending [*fo.* 335], their Lordships proceeded in considering the Acts of New Hampshire undermentioned, which were severally read, being all passed in May, 1714, and their Lordships agreed and directed upon each Act as expressed under its respective Title vizt. :—

An Act for the partition of lands and the recovery of Legacies at the Common Law.

To lye by.

An Act for the relief of Idiots and distracted persons.

Referred to Mr. West.

An Act for preventing men's sons or servants absenting themselves from their parents or Masters service without leave.

To lye by.

An Act to prevent Default of Appearance of Jurors.

No objection.

An Act for making of Lands and Tenements liable to the payment of debts.

To lye by.

An Act to prevent the destroying and murdering of Bastard Children.

To lye by.

An Act to prevent incroachment upon Highways.

To lye by.

An Act against receiving of stolen goods.

To lye by.

An Act providing in case of sickness.

To lye by.

An Act for the regulating of Prisons and to prevent escapes.

To lye by

An Act providing for Posthumus children.

Referred to Mr. West.

New York.
Letter from
the Governor.
Acts
and
Minutes.

Act

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York, dated 3rd of May, 1718, was read, and

The 14 Acts mentioned in a list, transmitted with the said letter, as also

Minutes of the Council at New York, from the 22nd August, 1717 to the 27th March, 1718, were laid before the Board.

Ordered that the Act for paying and discharging several debts due from this Colony to the persons therein named, and for raising and putting into the hands of the Treasury of this Colony several quantities of plate to be applied to the publick and necessary uses of this Colony, and to make Bills of Credit to the value of Forty one thousand five hundred and seventeen ounces and a half of plate for that purpose, together with the papers in this office relating thereto, be sent to Mr. West for his consideration and opinion.

to be sent to
Mr. West.

June 26. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

Their Lordships proceeded in considering several other letters received some time ago from the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire as undermentioned, which were read and such papers as had been received therewith, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Letter from Col. Dudley, Govr. of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, dated the 18th November, 1714, relating to the proclaiming His Majesty in those parts notwithstanding the loss of the vessel sent from Great Britain with the Orders for that purpose.

Letter from Col. Dudley to the Secretary, dated the 29th November, 1714.

Letter from the Council of the Massachusetts Bay, dated the 2nd March, 1714, signifying their having taken upon them the Government of that Province for want of some person commissioned by His Majesty King George.

Proclamation issued by the Council the 4th February, 1714, relating to their taking upon them the Government.

Letter from Col. Dudley to the Board, dated at Boston, May 2nd, 1715.

Proclamation against Commerce and Trade with the French of Canada and Cape Breton &c.

Copy of the 5th and 6th Articles of the Treaty of Neutrality between England and France, 1686.

Letter from Col. Dudley, dated at Boston, May the 7th, 1715.

Minutes of Council in New Hampshire, the 26th April, 1715.

Letter from Col. Dudley, dated the 27th June, 1715.

Letter from him to the Board of Ordnance, dated at Boston, the 27th June, 1715.

Accounts of Ordnances, Ammunition and other stores of War in His Majesty's several Forts and Castles in New England, as also of their expenditure for one year ending at Midsummer, 1715.

Letter from Col. Dudley to the Secretary, dated at Boston, July 5th, 1715, transmitting papers of the Publick Proceedings in that Province.

Letter from the Lieut. Governor of New Hampshire, dated at Portsmouth, August the 16th, 1716 (not signed), transmitting minutes of Council and Assembly, and two Acts passed there.

Minutes of Council and Assembly in New Hampshire, from New Hampshire, from 28th July, 1715, to the 5th January, 17¹⁵/₁₆.

Letter from Col. Shute, Govr. of New England, dated 23rd July, 1717, transmitting publick papers.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New Jersey &c., dated the 3rd of May last, was read, and the papers therein referred to laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Brigadier Hunter's speech and message to the Assembly of New Jersey, April the 19th, 1718.

Address of the Assembly of New Jersey to Brigadier Hunter. Whereupon ordered that the draught of a Representation be prepared for proposing John Hugg Esqr. mentioned in the said letter, to be

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**Massachusetts.
New Hampshire.**
*Letters
and
papers.*

Letter from Governor.

*Letter from
the Council.*

*Letter from
the Governor.
Papers.*

**New Hampshire.
Massachusetts.**
*Letter from
the Governor.*

New Hampshire.
*Letter from the
Lieutenant Governor.*

Massachusetts.
*Letter from
the Governor.*

New Jersey.
*Letter from
the Governor.*

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of the Council of New Jersey for the Western Division, and that the Secretary write to Brigadier Hunter to acquaint him with the state of the said Council.

Antigua.
*Letter from
the Governor.*

Papers.

A letter from General Hamilton, Govr. of the Leeward Islands, dated at Antigua, the 10th of April, 1718, was read with the papers therein referred to, vizt. :—

Copy of the Minutes of Council and Assembly of Antigua of the 31st of March, 1718.

Copy of Genl. Hamilton's letter to the Govr. of Porto Rico, dated April the 5th, 1718.

Copy of his letter to the Govr. of St. Thomas of the same date.

St. Christophers.
*Letter from
the Governor.*

Papers.

Another letter from Genl. Hamilton dated at St. Christophers the 6th of May, 1718, was read with the papers therein referred to, vizt. :—

Copy of a letter from Genl. Hamilton to Capt. Hume, Commander of the Scarborough, with letters to the Governors of St. Thomas and Porto Rico, relating to a Danish settlement on St. John's and to the carrying off several of His Britannick Majesty's subjects, with their goods &c. from Crabb Island, dated at Antigua the 5th April, 1718.

Copy of a letter from Capt. Hume to Genl. Hamilton inclosing copy of one from the said Capt. to the Danish Govr. of St. Thomas, as also that Governors answer to Genl. Hamilton, relating to the settlement at St. John's, dated in April, 1718.

Antigua.

Minutes of the Council of Antigua relating to the Danish settlement at St. John's, dated the 31st of March, 1718.

*Letter to be prepared
to Mr.
Secretary Craggs.
St. John's.
Crabb Island.*

Whereupon some directions were given for preparing a letter [fo. 327] to Mr. Secretary Craggs on what Genl. Hamilton writes in his said letters, relating to the proceedings of the Danes at St. John's and of the Spaniards at Crabb Island.

Antigua.
*Letter from
Mr. Barrington.*

A letter from Mr. Barrington to the Secretary [fo. 337], dated the 23rd inst. recommending Mr. Yeamans to be of the Council of Antigua, was read ; whereupon the said Mr. Yeamans's name was entered in the list of persons to supply vacancies in the said Council, and directions were given for acquainting Mr. Barrington therewith.

Virginia.
Acts considered.

Acts.

June 27. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney. Their Lordships took into consideration the three Acts under-mentioned passed in Virginia in 1714, which were severally read, and directions given for noting upon each Act, as expressed under the respective title thereof, vizt. :—

An Act to exempt certain German Protestants from the payment of levies for seven years, and for erecting the Parish of St. George.

No objection.

An Act for the relief of persons, who by reason of the drought of last summer have made small quantities of Corn and Tobacco, and who for want of opportunity of Shipping have great quantities of old Tobacco now by them. And for punishing persons who shall carry any Hogsheads of Tobacco not stamped out of this Colony.

Expired.

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But there being a clause foreign to the title, the Govr. to be writ to thereupon.

An Act to prevent the malicious burning or destroying the Publick Store Houses of Tobacco agents.

The Govr. to be writ to concerning the Store Houses mentioned in this Act. *Governor to be writ to.*

July 1. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Ordered that Mr. Fry, who has lately arrived from the Leeward Islands, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him to-morrow morning.

A letter directed to be prepared the 26th of the last month, to Mr. Secretary Craggs [*fo.* 325, 330, 345], inclosing copies of several papers received from General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands, concerning the proceedings of the Danes at the Island of St. John and of the Spaniards at Crabb Island, was agreed and signed.

A letter from Col. Bennet, Lieut. Governor of Bermuda, dated the 31st of May, 1718, relating to the Pirates in those parts and to the weak state of the Bermuda Islands, was read, together with the attested copies of nine affidavits, relating to the said Pirates [*fo.* 267, 346]; whereupon a letter was immediately prepared and signed for inclosing to Mr. Secretary Craggs a copy of the said letter with the opinion of the Board about dispatching Commissions for the trial and pardoning of pirates &c.

A memorial from Mr. Nivine, relating to an Act passed in Antigua in 1716, to prohibit the importation of foreign sugars &c., was read, as likewise the extract of a letter from Mr. Dunbar, Surveyor General of the Customs in the Leeward Islands, mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd of April last upon the same subject, and Mr. West's report relating to the said Act [*fo.* 231, 341]; whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation to His Majesty in order to the repeal of the said Act.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Tigh, Consul at Elsinore, to desire from him a list of such ships as have passed the Sound between Christmas, 1713 and Christmas, 1717, that is to say the number of ships, to what place they belong, whence they come and whither bound, their Burthen and Cargo.

July 2. Present:—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Doctor Wickham attending with Mr. Marsh, Solicitor for Col. Morris [*fo.* 316], whom Genl. Hamilton has suspended from the Council of Antigua, the said Doctor Wickham desired their Lordships would defer any determination concerning the said suspension till Col. Codrington's return from the Country, Col. Codrington having promised to wait on the Board on behalf of the said Col. Morris, to which their Lordships consented and desired notice from Doctor Wickham as soon as Col. Codrington should arrive.

Col. Fry, of the Council of Antigua, and lately arrived from the Leeward Islands, attending as desired, together with Mr. Nivine,

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*Mr. Fry
summoned.*

*Letter to Mr.
Secretary Craggs
about the Danes at
St. John's and Crabb
Island signed.*

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*Letter from the
Governor about
pirates.*

*Letter to Mr.
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Commissions.
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*Memorial from
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representation.*

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*Letter to Mr. Tigh
for list of ships
passing the Sound.*

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*Doctor Wickham
and Mr. Marsh for
Col. Morris suspended
the Council.*

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they were acquainted that the Board had put off the further consideration of Col. Morris's suspension, till the arrival of Col. Codrington ; and upon discourse with Col. Fry relating to the settlement attempted to be made by the Danes at St. John's [*fo.* 327]. He said, he was informed, the Island was a very good soil, had good ports and lay in the way of our ships, so that it would be a great prejudice to His Majesty and his subjects if the same were possessed by any foreigners, and that he heard the Danes were busy in making Fortifications there.

Mr. West attending, their Lordships proceeded in considering the several Acts of Bermuda and New Hampshire, which are under mentioned, and agreed upon each Act as expressed under its respective title, vizt. :—

Acts of Bermuda.

An Act for prolonging the Act, entituled, an Act to supply the deficiency of the several funds in these Islands for and towards the building a new house for the present and future Govrs. passed in May, 1715.

To lye by.

An additional clause to an Act, entituled, an Act for the better observation of the Lord's Day, passed the 8th May, 1717.

To lye by.

An Act for alteration and amendment of several Acts of Assembly passed the 9th May, 1717.

To lye by.

An Act for limiting the time, the names of such persons, as are bound off these Islands shall be published, passed 9th May, 1717.

To lye by.

An additional clause to the Act, entituled, an Act to supply the deficiency of the several funds in these Islands for and towards the building a new house for the present and succeeding Governors, passed 9th May, 1717.

To lye by.

New Hampshire.

An Act of New Hampshire entituled,

An Act directing the proceedings against forceable entry and detainer passed in May, 1714.

To lye by.

The jury should not consist of above twelve.

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July 3. Present :— Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Craggs of the 30th of the last month referring to the Board, a petition from several Barbary Merchants [*fo.* 338], praying that Orders may be sent to all the men of war in that station to permit the merchant ships of Great Britain to go in and out of the ports &c., of the Emperor of Morocco to carry on their trade till they can bring off their factors and effects, was read, together with the said petition ; whereupon ordered, that Mr. Samuel Winder be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him and any other of the petitioners at eleven of the clock on Tuesday morning next.

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July 4. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Doominique, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Craggs, dated yesterday, relating to the Commissions for trying and pardoning pirates [*fo.* 131, 361], and desiring the Boards opinion to which of His Majesty's Governors in the West Indies it will be most proper to send the said Commissions for pardoning pirates, was read ; and an answer immediately drawn up and signed.

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Another letter from Mr. Secretary Craggs [*fo.* 350] dated yesterday, inclosing a memorial from the Danish Envoy, relating to the Island of St. Thomas, and signifying His Majesty's pleasure, that this Board report what they conceive proper for His Majesty to do, concerning the settlement making by the Danes on the Isle of St. John, was read ; whereupon directions were given for searching the several books and papers in this office relating to that matter.

Leeward Islands.

A memorial from Mr. Dummer, agent for the Massachusetts Bay, relating to a new Surveyor being appointed for His Majesty's woods in North America, and the care to be taken of them upon such Officers not acting in person, was read.

Massachusetts.

A representation ordered the 26th past to be prepared for confirming Mr. Hugg of the Council of New Jersey, was signed.

New Jersey.

The answer of Mr. Joshua Gee [*fo.* 228, 234] to two anonymous letters of complaint concerning several laws &c. of Pennsylvania, was read.

Pennsylvania.

Mr. West attending the Board [*fo.* 317, 348] proceeded in considering the undermentioned Acts of New Hampshire which were severally read, and their Lordships agreed and ordered to be noted upon each act, as expressed under the respective titles, vizt. :—

New Hampshire.

An Act for the convenient and speedy Assignment of Dower.

To lye by.

An Act for maintenance and supply of the Ministry, within this Province.

To lye by.

An Act to prevent disorders in the night.

To lye by.

An Act relating to Executors and Administrators.

To lye by.

An Act to prevent fraud in Cord Wood exposed to sale.

To lye by.

An Act against High Treason.

To be re-considered.

An Act against Shipping of Horses without entry.

To lye by.

An Act against Hawkers, Pedlars and Petty Chapmen.

Expired.

An Act relating to Attorneys.

To lye by.

An Act concerning Marriages, Births, and Burials.

To lye by.

An Act granting unto Her Majesty, certain duties on Importation and Exportation.

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An Act for regulating Fees.

To lye by.

An Act for making and emitting a further sum of Bills of Credit.
Expired.

An Act prohibiting the Importation or bringing into this Province any Indian Servants or Slaves.

To lye by.

An Act to prevent disorders in Town Meetings by voters not qualified.

To lye by.

An Act appointing the Sheriff to have the keeping of the Common Gaol and the Prisoners.

No objection.

A letter to Col. Spotswood, Lieut Govr. of Virginia, was agreed and signed.

July 8. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Antigua.

A letter from Mr. Barrington to the Secretary [*fo.* 325] dated the 4th inst. relating to Mr. Yeamans, recommended by him to be a Member of His Majesty's Counsel of Antigua, was read.

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Mr. Samuel and Mr. William Winder, Mr. Adams, Mr. Thayer, Mr. Godin and Mr. Chetham, some of the Merchants trading to Barbary [*fos.* 332, 349 and 393], attending as desired, their Lordships had some discourse with them on the subject of their petition mentioned in the minutes of the 3rd inst., whereupon they said they had Factors and large Effects, which are lately imbargoed in the Dominions of the Emperor of Morocco, on account of the hostilities committed by Admiral Cornwall on that Coast, his interrupting the Trade there, and the seizure which was made some time ago at Gibraltar of some Brimstone and other Contraband Goods belonging to Jews who were concerned as Agents for persons of the greatest Interest at the Court of the Emperor of Morocco, in confirmation whereof they produced a Letter from Mr. Adams, one of the English Factors at present in Barbary, which was read. These Gentlemen proceeded to acquaint the Board upon the several questions asked them. That they desired a permission for two or three small Ships to go and return from the Ports of Morocco for six or nine months with cloth and other Manufactures of this Kingdom in which time they did not doubt of succeeding in getting off their Effects, which they must bring about in the best methods they could. That they grounded their hopes upon a Seguro which they have in writing from the Emperor for the persons of their Factors and Estates, under which protection and by making of small presents they have been always safe, notwithstanding we have at the same time been publicly at War with them. That if the Ships they desire are permitted to go into the Ports of the Emperor there will not only be an opportunity of making fresh application to him, but the Factors may give Account how the late Treaty came to break off, they suspected it was occasioned by the Jews who had the Management of it. That they believe the gentleman whom Admiral Cornwall sent to the Emperor was unacquainted with the language and

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customs of the Country and knowing not the Court had the misfortune not to place his presents right. That they were informed Capt. Paddon had formerly promised money to the Bashaw of Tetuan and a present of Gunpowder to the Emperor, which being now not complied with, they feared might be one occasion of our ill success in the late negotiation. Being asked what slaves there might be in Barbary, they said that at present there were about 164 English slaves, and that they feared their Factors and others would likewise be condemned to Slavery, if some composition were not soon made.

Their Lordships enquiring what trade the French and Dutch have with the Dominions of Morocco the Gentlemen above-mentioned acquainted the Board that both those Nations have great Trade there. And the said Gentleman after being sometime withdrawn presented to the Board a Representation in writing, about renewing a treaty with Morocco, and concerning their affairs in those parts, which was read.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Craggs of the 3rd inst. referring to the Board a Memorial and other papers from Monsr. Chammorel the French Secretary, relating to a French ship seized by some Shallops of Jamaica, was read, and directions given for preparing a draught of an answer thereto.

The draught of a representation [*fo.* 328 and 346] for repealing an Act passed at Antigua, entituled, an Act to Prohibit the Importation of French and other foreign sugars, rum, cotton and melosses, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Jamaica.

Antigua.

July 9. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Ordered that an Extract of Col. Bennet, the Lieut. Govr. of Bermuda's letter, of 31st of May last, relating to Pirates, be sent to Mr. Burchet for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Bermuda.

A letter from Mr. Willard, Secretary of the Massachusetts Bay, to the Secretary of this Board, dated at Boston, the 5th of May, 1718, was read and the papers undermentioned therein referred to were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Massachusetts.

Four Acts of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, passed in 1717.

Four Acts of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, passed in 17 $\frac{7}{8}$.

Minutes of Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, from 23rd October, 1717 to 14th February, 17 $\frac{7}{8}$ inclusive.

whereupon ordered that Mr. Willard be acquainted in answer to what he writes concerning private Acts, that the Govr. of the Massachusetts Bay and all other His Majesty's Governors in America are obliged to transmit authentick copies of all acts passed within their respective Governments as well private as publick.

A letter from Mr. Wentworth, Lieut. Govr. of New Hampshire, dated the 9th January, 1717, was read.

New Hampshire.

A letter directed at the last meeting to be prepared to Mr. Secretary Craggs, in answer to his of the 3rd inst. upon the Memorial

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Massachusetts.

of Monsr. Chammorel, relating to a French Ship seized by some vessels of Jamaica, was agreed and signed.

Mr. West attending [*fo.* 348], their Lordships proceeded in considering the Acts above mentioned, passed in the Massachusetts Bay in 1717, and 171 $\frac{7}{8}$, which were severally read, and their Lordships agreed upon each Act as noted under the respective titles thereof, vizt. :—

An Act for altering the time of holding a Superiour Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol delivery within and for the County of Hampshire and for reviving all actions and process lately depending there and discontinued by reason of the Courts not meeting.

No objection.

An Act for the further regulating the Soldiers in His Majesty's service at Castle William.

No objection.

An Act for the better regulation of Fowling.

To lye by.

An Act in further addition to the Act for encouraging the killing of Wolves made in the 5th year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary.

No objection.

An Act in addition to the Act, entituled, an Act for the better preservation and increase of Deer, made and passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly at their Session held at Boston, the 15th of Novr. 1698, in the 10th year of the reign of his late Majesty King William the 3rd.

To lye by.

An Act for altering the time for holding a Superiour Court of Judicature Court of Assize and General Gaol delivery within the County of Plymouth.

No objection.

An Act in Addition to an Act, entituled, an Act providing in case of Sickness.

To lye by.

An Act for calling in of Province Bills of Credit outstanding of former Plates signed with three hands only.

To lye by.

July 10. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Leeward Islands.

Their lordships took into further consideration the Memorial of the Danish Envoy [*fo.* 327 and 330], mentioned in the minutes of the 4th inst., together with several Papers in this office relating to Crabb Island and other the Virgin Islands, whereupon ordered that the Secretary write to Baron Bloombergh, [*fo.* 357] to desire he will give the Board what information he can concerning the Danish Settlement on the Island of St. Thomas.

Antigua.

A Representation directed the 1st inst. to be prepared for repealing the Act passed at Antigua in 1716 [*fo.* 341], entituled an Act to prohibit the Importation of French and other Foreign Sugars, rum, cotton and Melosses, was agreed and signed.

Their Lordships taking again into consideration the several letters lately received from Col. Bennett [*fos.* 181, 267 and 328], Lieut. Govr. of Bermuda, directions were given for preparing the draught of an answer thereto.

Mr. West's report upon an act passed in Barbados in September, 1715 [*fo.* 288, 315] entituled, an Act empowering Licentiate Lawyers to practise as Barristers in this Island, was read, whereupon their Lordships agreed that the said Act should lye by, and gave directions for writing concerning it in the next letter to the Governor of that Islands.

July 11. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke. Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Mr. West's report upon an Act passed at Montserrat the 27th of April in the 4th year of her late Majesty's reign [*fo.* 292], entituled An Act for quieting possessions and for the better securing and confirming Titles of Land in this Island, was read, as likewise the said Act; whereupon their Lordships agreed to let the Act lye by at present, and gave directions for acquainting Genl. Hamilton, Govr. of the Leeward Islands, with the objections to the said Act, that another may be passed fit for His Majesty's Royal confirmation.

An Act passed at Antigua in March, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$ [*fos.* 311, 381], entituled, An Act to inable Arthur Freeman and Dorothy, his wife, to sell and convey a certain plantation within the said Island to raise portions and make provision for Henry Symms and Elizabeth Athy &c. was read, together with Mr. West's report thereupon, and their Lordships, having no objection to the said Act, gave direction for preparing the draught of a representation to His Majesty in order to its confirmation.

Mr. West's report upon an Act of the Massachusetts Bay, mentioned in the minutes of the 23rd of May last [*fo.* 343], entituled an Act in further addition to an Act, entituled an Act for making Lands and Tenements liable to the payments of debts &c. was read, whereupon ordered that a copy of Mr. West's report be sent [Bun. W Nr. 2] to Col. Shute, Govr. of that Province [V. N. Engld. I], that a new Act may be passed [*fo.* 279] not liable to the objections against the present Act.

Mr. West's report upon the three acts of New Hampshire, [*fos.* 335, 354] entituled as undermentioned, and passed in May, 1714 was read, vizt. :—

An Act for the relief of Idiots and distracted persons.

An Act providing for Posthumus Children.

An Act against High Treason.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing the draught of a representation to His Majesty relating to the said Acts.

July 15. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Ordered that the Secretary write to Mr. Burchet [*fo.* 351] to desire copies of the letter writ by Admiral Benbow to the Danish Governor of the Island of St. Thomas the 21st October, 1699, and of the said Governors answer, if there be any entry of them in the Admiralty Books.

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The draught of the letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs [*fo.* 339, 351, 393] upon the petition of the Barbary Merchants, mentioned in the Minutes of the 8th instant, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Leeward Islands.
Barbados.
Virginia.

Their Lordships then agreed several alterations [*fo.* 406] to be proposed to His Majesty in his instructions for the Governments of the Leeward Islands, Barbados and Virginia, conformable to the instructions to Sir Nicholas Lawes for the Government of Jamaica.

July 16. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Leeward Islands.

A paper from Mr. Stephen Duport [*fo.* 334, 353] relating to the Island of St. Thomas in America possessed by the Danes, was read.

A letter from Mr. Burchet [*fo.* 349] dated yesterday, in answer to the letter writ him the same morning concerning what passed between Admiral Benbow and the Danish Govr. of the Island of St. Thomas in the year 1699, was read.

Barbadoes.

A Memorial from Mr. Walker, [*fo.* 346] with observations upon the Act passed at Barbadoes in Sept. 1715, entituled, an Act empowering licentiate lawyers to practise as barristers in this Island, was read.

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New Jersey.
Massachusetts.
New Hampshire.
Bermuda.

Their Lordships agreed with several alterations to be proposed to His Majesty in his instructions for the Governments of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire and Bermuda.

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A letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs [*fo.* 249, 393] upon the Petition of several Barbary Merchants concerning their Factors and Effects in the Dominions of Morocco, agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

Virginia.

Mr. West attending [*fo.* 359] their Lordships proceeded in considering the Acts undermentioned, passed in Virginia in Novr., 1714, which were severally read, as likewise the Acts therein referred to, and their Lordships agreed upon them as noted under each respective Titles vizt. :—

An Act for continuing an Act, entituled, an Act, for prevention of Abuses in Tobacco shipped on Freight.

To be approved.

An Act to supply the defects in an Act, entituled An Act for laying a duty on Liquors and Slaves.

No objection.

An Act for the further continuing an Act for laying a duty on Liquors and Slaves and two other Acts relating to that Act.

No objection.

An Act for erecting a Magazine.

To lye by.

July 17. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Leeward Islands.

The draught of a representation to His Majesty [*fo.* 334, 350, 355] upon the Memorial of the Danish Envoy inclosed in Mr. Secretary Cragg's letter mentioned in the minutes of the 4th inst., relating to the Islands of St. Thomas, St. John and other Virgin Islands, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes [*fo.* 356], dated yesterday, signifying the Lords of the Treasury's desire of this board's opinion concerning the present duties on Salt, and the allowances made on the exportation of Fish, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Carkesse be desired to move the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs for an Account of Fish exported from Christmas, 1714, to Christmas last.

Capt. Taverner attending, their Lordships had some discourse with him concerning the said duties on Salt and drawback upon Fish. Wherein he said the Act of Parliament allowed a drawback of Duty for a greater quantity of Salt than was necessary or is actually used in curing several sorts of Fish; and tho' our Fish is in as good esteem abroad as ever, that there are frauds used in counting of the Fish for drawback of the said Duty and sometimes they make seventy pass for one hundred; whereupon their Lordships desired him to bring to the Board in writing, an account of what he knew, or had to offer concerning the Fishery, which he promised accordingly.

The draught of a representation [*fo.* 348, 355] upon 3 Acts of New Hampshire, mentioned in the minutes of the 11th inst., was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Ordered that the Secretary write to the Commissioners for the Duty on Salt to desire from them a State of the Duties upon Salt both Foreign and Domestick, and an Account of the Drawback allowed upon Fish from Lady Day, 1715, to Lady Day last.

July 18. Present:—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A Representation to His Majesty [*fo.* 355], as agreed at the last meeting, upon three Acts passed in New Hampshire in 1715 was signed.

A Representation to His Majesty [*fo.* 353] upon the Memorial of the Danish Envoy, transmitted to the Board in Mr. Secretary Craggs's letter of the 3rd inst., and concerning the Island of St. John &c. being settled by the Danes, was agreed and signed, as likewise a letter for inclosing the said Representation to Mr. Secretary Craggs.

July 22. Present:—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Ordered that letters be writ to Christian Cole Esqr. late Minister at Venice, Christopher Crow Esqr. late Consul at Leghorn, Mr. Claude Jamineau and Mr. John Peers, Merchants [*fos.* 353, 357, 381] to desire them to inform the Board what reputation our Fish, particularly Herrings and Pilchards, are in at present at Venice, Leghorn and Naples or any other parts of Italy.

Col. Kane, Lieut. Governor of Minorca [*fo.* 359], attending, presented to the Board a letter from Mr. Secretary Craggs of the 21st of the last month referring to their Lordships consideration some proposals relating to the freedom of the Ports, Commerce and Quarantine, at the said Island of Minorca, which letter was read, together with the said proposals and a progress made in considering the same.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, dated yesterday, with an Account of the Drawbacks allowed upon the exportation of Fish [*fo.* 381] was read.

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New Hampshire.

Trade.

New Hampshire.

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A letter from Mr. Holdip, Secretary to the Commissioners for the duty on Salt, dated the 19th inst. with an Account of that duty and of the Drawbacks thereon for three years, was read.

New York.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York, to the Secretary of this Board, dated the 3rd of June, 1718, was read.

Massachusetts.

A letter from Mr. Willard, Secry. of the Massachusetts Bay, to the Secry. of this Board, dated the 23rd of May last, was read.

Jamaica.

A letter from Sir Nicholas Laws, Govr. of Jamaica, dated the 3rd May last, was read.

Leeward Islands.

The Secretary acquainted the Board, that Mr. Hooke had been at the Office, and desired him to signify to their Lordships from Baron Bloomberg [*fo.* 345], in answer to the letter writ him the 10th inst. that the said Baron was never concerned in the King of Denmark's affairs and could give no account of the Danish Settlement on the Island of St. Thomas.

July 23. Present:—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

New York.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York, to the Board, dated the 3rd of June last, was read, and the Naval Officers Lists of Ships, trading inwards and outwards from Michaelmas, 1717, to Lady Day, 1718 therein referred to, was laid before the Board.

The Draughts of two letters from the Secretary to Brigadier Hunter, relating to the affairs of New York and New Jersey, were agreed and ordered to be sent.

Trade.

A second Memorial from Mr. Ingram [*fo.* 303, 368] about what was formerly done by the persons employed to prevent the Exportation of Wool and the necessity of some further directions in that Affair, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Ingram be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Wednesday morning next.

Ordered that Col. Kane [*fo.* 356, 374] be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him tomorrow sev'night at eleven of the clock in the morning on the subject of the papers mentioned in yesterday's minutes relating to Minorca.

Virginia.

Mr. West attending, [*fo.* 351, 372] their Lordships proceeded in considering the undermentioned Acts passed in Virginia in Nov., 1714, and agreed and ordered to be noted upon each Act as expressed under its respective Title, vizt. :—

An Act for regulating and settling the Current Rates of Gold Coin and of British Silver Coin in the Dominion.

To lye by.

An Act to oblige owners and occupiers of Mills to which Publick Roads shall lead, to make the Dams of such Mills ten foot wide at the top.

To lye by.

An Act to repeal part of An Act, entituled, an Act giving a Reward for killing of Wolves and for lessening such reward.

To lye by.

An Act for altering the Day for Princess Anne County Court and the Day for Essex County Court.

No objection.

To lye by.

An Act for raising a Publick Levy.

Has had its effect.

Ordered that the Secretary write to Mr. Attorney General to desire his opinion, whether by the several Acts of Trade and Navigation, any Goods not of the Growth, Product and Manufacture of Europe may be imported into His Majesty's Plantations in English Built Shipping from Ireland or from any Foreign Plantation or from any other place whatsoever, except Great Britain only, and in case it may be done, from what place or places and in respect of what goods it is allowable.

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July 24. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The copies of Five Orders of Council as undermentioned, all dated the 1st inst. were severally read, vizt. :—

Copy of an Order of Council [*fo.* 333, 364] upon a Representation of this Board, dated the 20th instant, relating to Commissions for Pardoning Pirates in America.

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Copy of an Order of Council [*fo.* 313] upon a Representation of this Board, dated the 25th June, 1718 for appointing John Gamble Esqr. a Member of His Majesty's Council in the Island of Antigua.

Antigua.

Copy of an Order of Council [*fo.* 224], upon a Representation of this Board, dated the 2nd May, 1718, for repealing an Act of Antigua, entituled an Act to prevent the increase of Papists and Non-jurors in this Island, and for better governing those who are already settled there.

Antigua.

Copy of an Order of Council [*fo.* 273] upon a Representation of this Board, dated the 20th May, 1718 for confirming an Act passed at Nevis, entituled, an Act for the good Government of Negroes and other Slaves in this Island.

Nevis.

Copy of an Order of Council [*fo.* 197] upon a Representation of this Board, dated 9th April, 1718, relating to the proposal of Sir Robert Montgomery for making a settlement and distinct Government in the Southern part of Carolina.

South Carolina.

Their Lordships then proceeded to consider several papers in the Office [*fo.* 565], received from the British Consuls by His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State and otherwise, relating to the trade of this Kingdom, in Foreign parts, which letters and papers were read, vizt. :—

Trade.

Letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend of the 7th May, 1715, with the extracts of letters from Mr. Wich, Resident at Hamburgh and Mr. Tigh, Consul at Elsinore, relating to the State of Trade in those parts.

Letter from the Lord Viscount Townshend of the 29th February, 171 $\frac{1}{8}$, with a state of the British Trade in Dantzic, received from Sir Richard Vernon, His Majesty's Envoy to the King of Poland.

Letter from Mr. Tigh, Consul at Elsinore, dated 7th December, 1715, with accounts of the British Trade into Denmark and Norway.

Abstract of Abuses to the British Trade into Denmark and passing the Sound.

Mr. Bowman's Account of the State of the British Trade in Norway, dated the 20th October, 1715,

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Letter from Mr. Crow, Consul at Leghorn, dated the 26th July, 1715, N.S. with an Account of British Trade there.

Letter from the British Consul and Factory at Messina, relating to their Trade in Sicily, dated the 17th June, 1715, N.S.

Letter from Mr. Fleetwood, Consul at Naples, of the 4th December, 1716, with an inclosed Account of the British Trade there, addressed to Mr. Secretary Stanhope and dated the 6th of August, 1716.

Memorial from the Merchants trading to Naples, relating to the present State of Trade, as also to what will be necessary for advantage thereof.

Plantations General.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Craggs [*fos.* 361, 366, 404] dated this day, signifying his Majesty's pleasure, that this Board do cause the Commissions to His Majesty's Governor's in America for pardoning pirates to be transmitted to the said Governors, when passed, was read.

Trade.

July 25. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their Lordships proceeded in considering several other letters and papers [*fos.* 363, 367] received from the Secretary's Office and from the Consuls &c. abroad, relating to the British Trade in Foreign parts, as undermentioned, which said letters and papers were severally read, vizt. :—

A letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope of the 9th July, 1715, with a Memorial from the Factory at Lisbon, and two Representations from that at Oporto to Mr. Worseley, his Majesty's Envoy in Portugal.

A letter from Mr. Poyntz, Consul General at Lisbon, dated the 2nd August, 1715, N.S. with a Representation of the State of the British Trade in Portugal.

A letter from Mr. Paul, Consul at Zant, dated the $\frac{18}{29}$ July, 1715, relating to the State of the British Trade there.

Jamaica.

The Copy of His Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal [*fo.* 354, 404], dated the 23rd instant July, empowering Sir Nicholas Lawes, Govr. of Jamaica, to pardon such pirates as have or shall surrender there, conformable to His Majesty's late proclamation, and the said Commission, being received from Mr. Secretary Craggs's Office, a letter wherewith to transmit the said Commission to Sir Nicholas Lawes, was agreed and signed, as likewise a letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs, relating to another proclamation to be issued by His Majesty on the same subject.

Trade.

July 29. Present :—Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Cole, in answer to one writ him the 22nd inst., relating to the British Fish Trade at Venice [*fo.* 365, 368], was read ; whereupon ordered that the Secretary write Circular letters to the several British Consuls in Spain, Portugal, Italy and at Hamburgh to the same purpose as the letter above mentioned to Mr. Cole &c. relating to the British Fish Trade in those respective parts.

Then their Lordships took again into consideration the Memorial mentioned in the last Minutes, from the Factory at Lisbon, relating to the British Trade there.

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July 30. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Jamineau, [fo. 367, 375] dated the 29th inst., relating to the British Fish Trade at Venice, and the ill curing of Herrings and Pilchards, was read.

Trade.

Mr. Ingram attending [fo. 359, 374] according to appointment, his 2nd Memorial about preventing the exportation of Wool from the Kingdom, mentioned in the Minutes of the 23rd inst., was again read, and their Lordships had some discourse with Mr. Ingram on that subject; whereupon he said, he had some years ago been appointed Surveyor with sixty Officers under him to prevent the exportation of Wool from the Counties of York, Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmorland.—That he had been promised a Salary of five hundred pounds for himself, vizt.: one hundred pounds for each county, and seventy pounds for each Officer under him, and the same not being complied with, and he having run out his fortune in prosecutions and supporting the said Officers, the business did not continue longer than two years.—And in relation to several Articles of his Memorial above-mentioned, he referred himself for confirmation of them to Mr. Thomas Ashurst, who, attending likewise, was called in, and, upon several questions being asked him, he acquainted their Lordships that he had served many years under the late Capt. Henry Baker, Surveyor of the Coasts of Kent and Sussex. That he had been at Canterbury, Deal &c. about a month ago, and was there told, that a great many of our Woollen Manufacturers, who had been settled there, were now gone to France for Employment, and that our Woollen trade at Canterbury was almost lost. That he had been credibly informed, and all the Gentleman in those parts believe, that not less than a Thousand pounds per week is sent over in specie from Deal and the towns adjacent for purchasing Wines and Brandy in France, which are run in such great quantities, that both sorts are sold on the Kentish Coast and near it for 3s. 6d. per gallon. That the smugglers who carry on this trade, do not now run out Wool, as they used formerly to do, by small quantities at a time, but that our Wool, on pretence of carrying it by water for London and from London to Norwich and other places, is carried off to France in great quantities. That the method of prosecution of offenders in this way, is altered from what it was, when Capt. Baker had the Survey of those coasts, the Officers being obliged to do it now at their own expence and risque. That one William Chamberlain and* Hern Bay and Capt. Ducingham at Boulougn are the chief persons concerned in carrying on this Smuggling Trade.

Mr. Ingram added that Vessels go openly out of the ports of Scotland loaden only with Wool for France and Sweden.

Their Lordships then desired Mr. Ingram to let them have his answers in writing to the following Queries, which were delivered to him, and he promised to do the same vizt. :—

- 1st. What was the produce of the Seizures, made in the Five Northern Counties by Mr. Ingram or his under Officers, during the two years he was employed, did amount to ?

* presumably should be *at*.

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2nd. How much of that amount was really and bona fide paid into the Exchequer ?

3rd. What condemnations were made, and to what value ? Where the persons convicted run away and carried off their Effects ?

4th. What Salaries were promised to Mr. Ingram and his under Officers and by whom ?

5th. What Salaries they did actually receive ?

6th. What Money Mr. Ingram disbursed for the Publick in the execution of his Trust ?

7th. What proofs he hath of such money by him disbursed ? Memorandum to produce, if he can, the woman that was married to a Woollen Manufacturer in Sweden for the Information of the Board.

8th. What proof Mr. Ingram hath of the great sums weekly sent to Calais for purchase of Wines and other commodities in France ?

Virginia.

Mr. West attending, [*fo.* 359] their Lordships proceeded in considering the Acts of Virginia undermentioned and agreed and ordered to be noted upon each Act as expressed under its respective Title vizt. :—

An Act to prevent Hogs rooting within the City of Williamsburgh and certain adjacent places, passed in 1714.

To lie by.

An Act to prevent Hogs rooting in the limits of York Town, passed in 1714.

To lie by.

An Act to prevent Hogs going at large in the County of Middlesex, passed in 1714.

Expired.

An Act for the Encouragement of such persons as have gone and shall go voluntarily into the Service of Carolina, passed in 1715.

Has had its effect.

An Act for raising a Publick Levy, passed in 1715.

Has had its effect.

An Act requiring the Vestry of the Parish of Henrico to build a Chappel, passed in 1715.

Supposed to have had its effect.

July 31. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Trade.

Ordered that Mr. Thomas Ashurst [*fo.* 368, 443] be desired to reduce into writing, what he acquainted this Board with at their last meeting, relating to the decay of the Woollen Manufacture about Canterbury, the Exportation of our Wool and the money sent from several places on the Coast of Kent &c., for France to purchase Wines and Brandy ; as likewise that he add what further information he can get in those subjects.

Col. Kane, attending [*fo.* 359, 406], according to appointment, his observations and proposals, relating to Minorea, mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd inst., were again read ; and Col. Kane

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inlarging his Discourse upon each Article their Lordships agreed to take the same into further consideration at another opportunity.

August 5. Present :—Sir Charles^e Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

The draught of a letter to General Hamilton, [*fo.* 383] Governor of the Leeward Islands, was agreed and ordered to be transcribed.

Leeward Islands.

A letter from Mr. Tigh [*fo.* 368], Consul at Elsinore, dated the 30th July, 1718 N.S. in answer to the Secretary's letter of the 2nd of last month, relating to an Account of Vessels that passed the Sound, was read.

Trade.

A letter from Col. Shute, Govr. of the Massachusetts Bay, dated the 26th June last, was read, and the papers therein referred to were laid before the Board.

Massachusetts.

The Tryal of Eight Pirates at Boston.

Lists of the Militia of the Provinces of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire.

Whereupon ordered that the Secretary acquaint the Judge of the Admiralty that this Board desire to speak with him at eleven of clock on Tuesday morning next.

Ordered that the Secretary remind Mr. Martyn [*fo.* 79, 81, 423] of the letter writ him the 21st of January, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$ for an Account of East India Goods re-exported.

Trade.

August 6. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Govr. of Virginia, dated the 7th March, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$, with a Postscript of the 26th of April, 1718, was read, and the papers undermentioned, which are therein referred to, were laid before the Board vizt. :—

Virginia.

Annual produce of the Quit Rents in Virginia with the Establishment thereon.

Annual produce of His Majesty's Revenue for the support of the Government of Virginia with the Establishment thereon.

Another letter from Col. Spotswood [*fo.* 400] dated the 20th March, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$ relating to the dispute between him and the Council of Virginia concerning Courts of Oyer and Terminer, was read, and the Minute of Council of the 12th of the same month, referred to in the said letter was laid before the Board.

A letter from the Secretary to Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 357, 381, 383], desiring him to move the Commissioners of the Customs, that their Officers in the Out Ports may give this Board an Account of the quantities of Salt that is necessary and used in curing several species of Fish, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Trade.

Ordered that a letter be likewise writ to Mr. Carkesse to move the Commissioners of the Customs for an account of the gross produce of the Customs, Subsidies, Drawbacks &c. from Christmas, 1714, to Christmas, 1717 ; as also an account for the same time of the number of ships cleared from England, specifying from and to what Ports ; the tonnage, and distinguishing between British and foreign ships, and to desire like Accounts annually for the future.

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Ordered that a letter be writ to Sir Isaac Newton [*fo.* 443], Master Worker of the Mint, for an Account of Gold and Silver coined from November, 1710, to Midsummer, 1711, from thence to Midsummer last, and to desire Annual Accounts of the coinage for the future.

Ordered that a letter be writ to Mr. Lowndes to move the Lords of the Treasury for directions that this Board may have an Account of the Gross Produce of the duties on Calicoes from Midsummer, 1715, to Midsummer last, and that the like Accounts may be transmitted yearly.

New York.

Mr. West attending, their Lordships proceeded in considering the Acts undermentioned, passed at New York in 1714, which were severally read, and their Lordships directed to be noted on the said Acts, as expressed under the respective Titles thereof, vizt. :—

An Act for the Treasurers paying the monies therein mentioned.
Has had its effect.

An Act for the Treasurers paying the arrears due to the Clerk and Door Keepers to the General Assembly of this Colony and paying the Printer's salary.

Had had its effect.

An Act to entitle Garret de Graeuw and his Assigns to the Fishery and Purposes during the term of seven years.

To lye by.

An Act for appointing Commissioners to let to farm the Excise throughout this Colony.

To lye by.

August 7. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Massachusetts.

Upon further consideration of what Col. Shute writes in his letter [*fo.* 375, 393, 399] mentioned in the Minutes of the 5th inst., relating to the Tryal of some pirates in the province of the Massachusetts Bay, ordered, that the Judge of the Court of Admiralty be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him at eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning next.

Trade.

Ordered that Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 356, 384] be desired to let this Board have on Tuesday next, if possible, the Account of Fish exported, which was desired the 17th of the last month.

Antigua.

A memorial from Mr. Nivine [*fo.* 347] praying their Lordships report upon An Act of Antigua, entituled, An Act to inable Arthur Freeman and Dorothy his wife, to sell and convey a certain Plantation &c., was read ; whereupon ordered that Mr. Nivine be acquainted that their Lordships desire to speak with him in relation to the said Act.

Virginia.

A letter from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Govr. of Virginia, dated the 24th June, 1718, was read, together with the papers undermentioned therein referred to, vizt. :—

Copy of a Paper dispersed through Virginia, entituled, Advice to Freeholders.

Copy of the Governor's Speech at the opening of the Assembly of Virginia the 24th April, 1718.

Copy of the Burgesses' Address, in answer to the Governor's Speech.

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Copy of the Assembly of Virginia's Address to the King.

Copy of the Assembly's Instructions to Mr. Byrd, their Agent.

Whereupon ordered that a Copy of paragraph E of the said letter be sent to the Post Office for the information of the Postmaster General.

August 8. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter to General Hamilton, [*fo.* 375] Govr. of the Leeward

Leeward Islands.

Islands, as agreed the 5th inst., was signed. Their Lordships taking into further consideration Mr. Lowndes's letter [*fo.* 377, 381, 397], which was read the 17th of the last month, relating to the duty on Salt and Drawback on Fish exported, a paper of observations concerning the manner of saving several kinds of Fish for exportation in the Western parts of England, mentioned in the Minutes of the 27th May, 1700, was read.

Trade.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 377] Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, dated the 7th inst., relating to some Accounts desired by this Board from the Officers of the Customs, at the Out Ports, relating to the quantities of Salt used in curing Fish, was likewise read, and an answer to the said letter agreed and ordered to be sent.

A letter to Mr. Holdip, Secretary to the Commissioners for the Duties on Salt, on the same subject, was agreed and ordered to be sent with a postscript, signifying the desire of this Board to speak with some of the Commissioners at eleven of the clock on Tuesday morning next.

August 12. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse [*fo.* 381, 383, 398], Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, dated the 8th instant, inclosing an Account of Fish exported, from Christmas, 1714, to Christmas, 1717, was read.

Trade.

Mr. Conolly, who is concerned in the Pilchard and Herring Fishery in Cornwall, attending, pursuant to the desire of the Board signified to Capt. Taverner, their Lordships had some discourse with him and made several enquiries, concerning the said Fishery, wherein, after some hesitation and acknowledging his fear of some ill consequences to himself and family, if he should discover all he knew of that matter which might affect the interest of fifty or sixty Gentlemen, who are engaged therein, he declared in substance as follows, vizt. :—

That Pilchards are cured with Foreign Salt only, and after salted are sold at about £4 a hhd., and the Buyer has the Drawback ; that White Herrings are cured with one third part English Salt and the rest Foreign, and that of Foreign salt, the French is best.—That about 84lb. of Foreign salt makes a Bushel and two Bushels a cwt. which comes to about fifteen shillings, reckoning Freight, first Cost and Duty.—That he never paid more than 6s. 8*d.* per Bushel for Duty on Foreign Salt, and he said the first Cost was about 14*d.* per bushel.—That in curing Meat, a barrel of Beef might in hot weather

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require a bushel of Foreign Salt and Pork something more.—That the Salt of Guernsey and Jersey is as good as French.—That as to the manner of curing Pilchards, they are heaped up in bulk and strewed with Salt 48 hours after they are taken, till which time they are too hard to take Salt. That a moderate weight is put upon them, and great quantities of Oil drained by a gentle pressure. That Pilchards would be too fat to eat with the Oil in them. That upon drawing a Pilchard from the middle of the heap and finding it red at the Bone, they wash them all clean with Brine and pack them in hhds. which may contain 7 or 800 Fish, or if shotten, 900. That holes are left at the bottom of the hhds. for the Brine &c., to drain. But this Person being particularly asked, what use was made of the Brine after curing the Fish, he declined giving any account of it at present, but promised to consider of it and give their Lordships a full account of the Management of this Fishery provided he might have an allowance for the same, since he had been threatened by some persons, if he presumed to give any information thereof; whereupon he was desired to state his demands; and their Lordships asking him some further questions relating to the Fishery, he said that about, 6,000 hhds. of Pilchards had been taken in a season about Penzance, Mousehole and parts adjacent near the Lands End, which is the chief place for Pilchards. That after Michaelmas in the Winter Season the Fish is never so Oily and good as in the Summer. That some hundred thousand people live there by the Fishery and that their manner is for the Gentlemen to buy the Fish from the poor as soon as taken and then to cure and sell them to the Merchants; but being particularly asked, how much more than 6,000 hhds. of Pilchards were usually taken in a year, he said, some years they might have taken and made 20,000 hhds. That all their Pilchards are sent to the Streights and are a much better fish than Herrings. That as to Herrings, those taken in the West of England are not so large as those taken on the coast of Scotland, and few Herrings have been caught these ten years past on the coast of Ireland. That there are some Sprats cured in the West of England in like manner as Anchovies and prove very good. And in conclusion this person being asked concerning the running of Foreign Salt, he said it was impossible to prevent it, there being so many convenient places near the Lands End for that purpose, and that Salt was often delivered to their Fishing Boats at sea.

A letter from Mr. Greenwood of the Salt Office, in answer to the Secretary's letter of the 8th inst. to Mr. Holdip, relating to the quantity of Salt necessary and used in curing Fish, was read.

An Account from Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of the Customs, of what Fish, Tin and Lead have been annually exported from England in six years from Christmas, 1708, to Christmas, 1714, also

An Account of the said Fish, Tin and Lead reduced into three mediums, shewing in what articles the two first years exceed the two last, and in what the two last exceed the two first, were read.

Mr. Mildmay, Mr. Cardonel, and Mr. Dent, three of the Commissioners of the duties on Salt, coming to the Board as desired, their Lordships had some discourse with them concerning the said duties, and whether the Account delivered in comprehended the

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whole amount of those duties, there appearing a considerable balance not accounted for ; to which they answered that part of the said balance was the charge of Management, which however did not amount to more than £25,000 per annum, and they promised to send their Lordships an Account of the remainder. That the duties of 3s. 4d. on English and 6s. 8d. per bushel on Foreign Salt was all the duty under their care, but that there might probably be something paid as a Custom on Foreign Salt only, under the Management of the Officers of the Customs. That all Salt passes by weight and none by measure and whatever Salt is re-exported is shipped at the same rate it was imported. But that there are Frauds of many kinds in the Drawback on Salt, which in their opinion was too great incouragement for persons not to cure their Fish so well as they ought. That there is no Officer present when they cure, and where an Officer has dis-allowed the Debenture for such Fish as he had discovered not to be good, the Owners have taken such Fish to some other port and putting them among large Quantities of other Fish, where it was impossible to examine the whole, the bad have by those fraudulent means obtained the Drawback. That the method prescribed by Act of Parliament is the only means of obtaining the Debenture. That the Casks when examined as to the goodness of the Fish are gauged and Oath made by the exporter according to the said Act, but no Bond taken, as is directed for salt carried to Ireland, nor indeed did they think, it could so well be practised in the Mediterranean whither Our Fish is chiefly carried. That Guernsey Salt being looked upon as English, the Revenue thereby suffers at least ten thousand pounds per ann. And that there being now according to information 30,000 Bushels of Foreign Salt in the Island of Guernsey the said Commissioners apprehended it would be imported to this Kingdom as Guernsey Salt. That they find more allowed for Drawbacks on Pilchards than the Duty on Foreign Salt for the same time, vizt.: £100,000 allowed for Drawbacks on Pilchards and not £40,000 for the Duty on Salt. That they have been informed Fish is often spoiled before it reaches the Mediterranean. That they were of opinion the reducing the Drawbacks would in some measure cure these evils. These Gentlemen added, that great quantities of Salt were carried from Leverpoole to the Isle of Man, intended, as was suspected, to be run into Wales.

In further relation to the Fishery, these Gentlemen said, that the Cures of Pilchards gave Eight or Ten shillings per barrel at a Medium for Pilchards, cask and all, the price being from six to ten shillings according as the Fishery proves and demands are made. That Fish taken by *Sane being better than that by Drift, the barrels are marked Sane or Drift and the Curers names added.

Mr. Mildmay then left with their Lordships a particular Account of the several allowances made on the Exportation of Fish, and of what quantities of Salt are used in curing the same and Frauds discovered, which was read.

August 14. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

* rather 'Seine.'

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Massachusetts.

A letter from Sir Henry Penrice [*fo.* 380, 399] Judge of the Court of Admiralty, dated at Offley Place in Hertfordshire, the 12th inst., relating to his attendance on the Board, was read; whereupon a letter to him was drawn up, and agreed upon the subject of the Tryal of some Pirates by Col. Shute, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay.

Trade.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Craggs, [*fo.* 338, 351, 395] dated this day, desiring this Board to re-consider their Report of the 16th of the last month upon the Petition of several Merchants trading to Barbary, relating to their Factors and Effects in the Dominions of Morocco, was read; whereupon ordered that Mr. Winder, one of the said petitioners, be acquainted that their Lordships desire to speak with him and any other of the Merchants trading to Barbary at eleven of the clock to-morrow morning.

Then their Lordships made a progress in considering several Accounts before them relating to the Duties on Salt and Drawbacks on Fish exported, and gave some directions for preparing a letter to the Lords of the Treasury in answer to that from Mr. Lowndes, which was read the 17th of the last month on that subject.

August 15. Present:—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Trade.

A letter from Mr. Tilson to the Secretary, [*fo.* 385, 409] dated yesterday, together with an inclosed extract of one from Mr. Wich, resident at Hamburgh, relating to an essay to be made of the Goodness of Herrings caught on the Coast of Scotland before Midsummer day and a cargo of them to be sent to Hamburgh, were read, whereupon ordered that a copy of the said extract be sent to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh to be communicated to the Royal Boroughs in Scotland.

Messrs. Samuel and Beake Winder with Mr. John Adams and Mr. Humphrey Chetham [*fo.* 393, 394, 401] all Traders to Barbary, attending as desired, and being asked whether any others of His Majesty's subjects were concerned in the trade from Great Britain to Barbary, besides the Gentleman who signed the petition some time since referred to this Board, and which Mr. Secretary Craggs desires may be reconsidered, they said they knew of none but the Subscribers of the said petition, and they presented to their Lordships a Memorial to the same effect, which was read.

Their Lordships took this occasion of enquiring of Mr. Samuel Winder, who trades likewise to Leghorn, what reputation our fish has there, and what price it bears, to which he answered, that the ill usage the Merchants had at Falmouth by the not curing their Pilchards as they ought to be, has occasioned the price to be very low at Leghorn. That formerly Pilchards were bought from 40 to 50s. per hhd. and being well cured have been sold at Leghorn for about 22 dollars per hhd., but lately he said our Fishermen took of that Fish in the Winter and not giving it a due quantity of Salt it would not keep, tho' it looked as well as the Fish taken in Summer and better salted. That he had several cargoes of Pilchards thrown into the sea for want of being well cured, whereby they are now in such discredit, that the price abroad is lowered from 25 dollars,

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which they have sometimes been sold at, to 8 dollars per hhd. And Mr. Chetham, who concurred in what Mr. Winder had said as above, added that another prejudice to our markets in the Mediterranean for Fish, is that the persons concerned in the Fishery here often send their Fish at unseasonable times.

These Gentlemen being withdrawn,

A letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs, in answer to his, mentioned in yesterdays minutes upon their petition relating to their factors and effects in Morocco, was signed.

Their Lordships took again into consideration the several accounts and papers before them relating to the Duty on Salt and the Drawback on Fish [*fo.* 383, 398] exported. Whereupon a letter to the Lords of the Treasury upon that from Mr. Lowndes mentioned in the Minutes of the 17th of the last month, was agreed and signed.

The Answer of Capt. Passenger, Commander of the Newfoundland Convoy, to the Heads of Inquiry and Instructions relating to the Fishery and Trade at Newfoundland for the year, 1717, was read.

Newfoundland.

August 19. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from the Commissioners [*fo.* 397] for the Duties on Salt, dated the 15th inst., with an Account of the said Duties from Lady Day, 1710, to Lady Day, 1717, was read, and the said Account laid before the Board.

Trade.

A letter from Mr. Stanhope, Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, dated the 13th inst., inclosing an Account of Tobacco imported into Scotland with the amount of the Drawbacks from Michaelmas, 1714, to Michaelmas, 1717, was read, and the said Account laid before the Board.

Their Lordships then agreed the draught of a letter to be writ by the Secretary to Mr. Lowndes, desiring the Lords of the Treasury will please to direct that this Board may have from the Commissioners of the Customs in Scotland Accounts of the Exports and Imports there since the Union and of the produce of the Customs.

A letter from Sir Henry Penrice, Judge of the Admiralty [*fo.* 380, 393, 409] in Answer to that from the Secretary of the 14th inst., relating to the trying of some pirates by Col. Shute in the province of the Massachusetts Bay, was read, whereupon a letter from the Secretary to Mr. Burchet, desiring him to move the Lords of the Admiralty that this Board may be informed what has passed at the Admiralty concerning this matter, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Massachusetts.

The Earl of Orkney, Govr. of Virginia, [*fo.* 377] coming to the Board, acquainted their Lordships that he was informed by letters from thence, that great disputes have arisen there between Col. Spotswood Lieut. Govr. of that Colony and the Council there, which his Lordship said he understood were first occasioned by the manner in which Col. Spotswood had put the Receiver General, Mr. Byrd's Accounts into examination, conformable to Directions from this Board. That his Lordship had not only received some years ago a very good character of Col. Spotswood, but knew his personal good behaviour—that the Government of Virginia had been put on a much better foot, by him than it had formerly been, and that

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his Lordship saw no essential complaint against him. That his Lordship had endeavoured to compose their differences, but in vain ; and therefore he desired the Board to examine into them and represent to His Majesty wherever the fault might lye, that the Lieut. Govr., if he had misbehaved himself might be removed, or the Council changed if they were to blame, which seemed the only remedy to restore a good understanding and agreement between the Members of that Government, since the present disputes have come to such a height, in which last case his Lordship desired to recommend some Gentlemen to be Members of the said Council. Whereupon the Board promised to take that matter into consideration at the first opportunity.

Trade.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Craggs [*fo.* 395, 402], dated this day, inclosing the petition of Mr. Stephen Godin, one of the Merchants trading to Barbary, relating to the ships appointed to bring off the said Merchants, Factors and Effects from the Dominions of Morocco, was read, together with the said Petition, whereupon ordered that Mr. Winder, Mr. Adams and the rest of the Barbary Merchants be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them between ten and eleven of the clock to-morrow morning, and the said Mr. Godin attending, he was acquainted therewith.

Newfoundland.

Their Lordships then took into consideration the present state of the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland [*fo.* 403].

August 20. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Trade.

Mr. Samuel Winder, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Godin [*fo.* 401, 406] who are concerned in the Trade to Barbary, attending as desired, their Lordships had some discourse with them on the subject of Mr. Godin's Petition, mentioned in yesterday's Minutes : whereupon their Lordships upon full examination of the matter of the said Petition, thought it reasonable that Mr. Godin's ship should be one of the three allowed to fetch off the Merchants Effects from Barbary, and that if passes were issued out for the said three ships, one might be recalled, and a new one issued in favour of the said Godin, and gave directions for preparing a letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs thereupon accordingly.

Newfoundland.

A further progress was made in considering the present state of the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland [*fo.* 402, 438].

Nevis.

Mr. John Poplay attending with a power of Attorney from the Executrix of John Humphreys, one of the sufferers of Nevis, the Debenture, Number 528, was delivered to him.

August 21. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Docminique, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

New York.

A Memorial from Mr. Miranda [*fo.* 412] relating to an Act of New York, whereby a duty of 3s. per ton is laid on English Shipping and the Ships of that Province excused the duty, praying direction may be sent to New York that the said Duty be discontinued, was read ; whereupon directions were given for preparing a letter to Brigadier Hunter on that subject.

Plantations General.

Nine Commissions under the Great Seal of Great Britian [*fo.* 364,

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366, 409] for pardoning pirates in several of His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America having been sent yesterday to this Office from Mr. Cracherode, all dated the 18th inst. August and of the like Tenour *mutatis mutandis* were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

A Commission for New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut.

Another for Virginia, Carolina and Maryland.

Another for the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire.

Another for Nova Scotia.

Another for Placentia in Newfoundland.

Another for the Leeward Islands.

Another for Barbadoes.

Another for Bermuda, and

Another for the Bahama Islands ;

Whereupon circular letters for transmitting these Commissions to the respective Governors to whom they are directed was signed.

Ordered that the Secretary write to Sir Henry Penrice to thank him for his letter mentioned in the minutes of the 19th inst. and acquaint him that their Lordships have sent to the Admiralty for copies of the papers he refers to.

Their Lordships having agreed the alterations [*fo.* 350] to be made in the instructions to the rest of His Majesty's several Governors in America, conformable to those for Jamaica, a letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs for enclosing a Draught of the said alterations for each Government, was signed.

A Memorial from Mr. Godin [*fo.* 401, 470] relating to his having the Nomination of one of the three ships appointed to fetch the British Factors and Effects from the Dominions of Morocco was read, and the letter directed yesterday to be prepared to Mr. Secretary Craggs, upon the said Godin's Petition, was signed.

Their Lordships took again into consideration the proposal &c. of Col. Kane [*fo.* 374, 419] mentioned in the minutes of the 22nd of the last month, relating to the Island of Minorca and gave directions for preparing an answer upon several Articles of the said Proposals.

Ordered that Sir Edward Gould [*fo.* 408] be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him at eleven of the clock on Tuesday morning next.

Mr. Jos. Pemberton attending, and his powers of Attorney from several of the sufferers by the French Invasion of Nevis being examined at the Board, the five Debentures numbered 473, 498, 507, 554 and 578, were delivered to him.

Mr. Richard Coope likewise attending, and his power of Attorney from Jane Cane, one of the said sufferers at Nevis, being examined at the Board, the Debenture numbered 569 was delivered to him.

August 26. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Sir Edward Gould attending [*fo.* 407, 416] according to appointment, their Lordships after some discourse with him, concerning the trade to Leghorn, desired he would give them a particular Account of the Constitution of that Free Port vizt. :—What Duties are paid there upon Shipping and Goods Inwards and Outwards,

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including the Lazaretto and Port Charges ; their Lordships at the same time desired him to consult with some of the Merchants trading to Leghorn, and then inform the Board in what reputation our fish is, or has been there of late years, particularly our home Fishery of Herrings and Pilchards ; he then desired their Lordships that he might have the same in writing and he would give an answer thereto, whereupon a letter to the purport above-mentioned was immediately drawn up and sent to him.

New England.

A letter from Mr. Burchet [*fo.* 399] Secretary to the Lords of the Admiralty dated the 22nd inst. inclosing the copy of Sir Henry Penrice, Judge of the Admiralty's opinion, relating to the Governor's power of trying pirates in New England, as desired by the Secretary's letter of the 19th, was read.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, dated the 21st instant, in answer to one writ him the 7th, relating to some accounts sent from New England of the Exports of the Western and Madera Islands, was read.

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A letter from Mr. Conoly, [*fo.* 395, 469] dated the 22nd inst. relating to the curing of Pilchards and the advantage of that Fishery by some discoveries he can make, if he may have a reward for the same, was read.

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Then the Secretary acquainted their Lordships, that he had disposed of the Commissions under the Great Seal of Great Britain [*fo.* 404, 414] for pardoning of Pirates, mentioned in the Minutes of the 21st instant, as follows, vizt. :—

The Commissions for New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut—To Mr. Ambrose Philips, Agent.

That for the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire—to Mr. Jeremy Dummer the Agent.

Those for Nova Scotia and Placentia in Newfoundland—to Col. Philips the Governor.

That for the Leeward Islands—to Mr. Rowland Tryon.

That for the Barbadoes—to the Agents for that Island.

That for Bermuda—to Sir John Bennett.

That for Bahama Islands—Mr. Docminique was pleased to take care of.

August 28. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

South Carolina.

A letter from Mr. Johnson, Govr. of South Carolina, to the Board, dated the 18th of June last, giving an account of the increase of Pirates in those Seas and of the captures they daily make, was read, as were also at the same time extracts of several letters from Carolina relating to an Act, increasing the duty on Goods imported, to the Pirates, and to the ill state of that Province. Whereupon a letter for enclosing to Mr. Secretary Craggs a copy of Mr. Johnson's said letter, as also part of the above mentioned extract of letters from Carolina, was immediately drawn up and signed.

Ordered that a copy of that part of Mr. Johnson's Azores letter relating to Pirates in those Seas, be sent to Mr. Burchet, for the information of the Right Honble. the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

A copy of Mr. Secretary Stanhope's letter [*fo.* 414] to several Consuls, dated the 21st April 1715, upon a letter from this Board for Accounts of the state of Trade, within their Consulships, was read, whereupon their Lordships agreed the Draught of a Circular letter to several of His Majesty's Consuls, desiring they would communicate to their Lordships such matters and observations as shall appear to them of consequence to the Trade and Navigation of Great Britain in the parts where they reside.

A letter to Brigadier Hunter [*fo.* 404] Govr. of New York, upon Mr. Mirando's letter mentioned in the Minutes of the 21st instant, was agreed and signed.

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New York.

September 3. Present :—Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Sir Nicholas Lawes, Govr. of Jamaica [*fo.* 415] to the Board, dated the 21st of June, 1718, giving an Account of Piracies committed in those parts, and complaining of the loss of the Trade of that Island, both which he attributes chiefly to the ill conduct of the Commanders of His Majesty's ships of War in those Seas, was read; whereupon a letter for inclosing to Mr. Secretary Craggs an extract of Sir Nicholas Lawes's said letter was immediately drawn up and signed.

Jamaica.

Ordered that an extract of Sir Nicholas's letter above mentioned be likewise sent to Mr. Burchet for the information of the Right Honble. the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

The following Accounts of Revenue transmitted at the same time by Sir Nicholas Lawes, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

An Account Current of His Majesty's Revenue from 25th March, 1716, to the 29th September, 1717.

Account Current of His Majesty's Revenue from 29th Sept. 1717, to the 25th March, 1718.

A Circular letter to several of His Majesty's Consuls, [*fo.* 412, 424] desiring them to communicate to this Board such matters and observations as shall appear to them of consequence to the Trade and Navigation of Great Britain, in the parts where they reside, as agreed at the last Meeting, was signed.

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Then the Secretary acquainted their Lordships that he had sent the Commissioners [*fo.* 410, 425] under the Great Seal of Great Britain for pardoning Pirates in Virginia, to Mr. Micajah Perry, Merchant, who promised to forward the same to Col. Spotswood by the first ship that sailed for that Country.

Virginia.

September 25. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Pulteney.

A letter from Col. Heywood, late Commander in Chief of Jamaica, dated the 28th May, 1718, transmitting Minutes of Council, to the end of his Administration, was read, and the said Minutes were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Jamaica.

Minutes of Council from the 19th March, 17¹₇, to the 24th April, 1718.

A letter from Mr. Burchet, Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty [*fo.* 413], dated the 5th, in answer to one from the

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Secretary the 3rd instant, relating to Piracies and the ill conduct of the Captains of His Majesty's ships at Jamaica, was read.

Barbadoes.

A letter from Sir Charles Cox of the 15th inst., desiring to be heard, before his brother Mr. Samuel Cox's Suspension from the Council of Barbadoes be confirmed, was read.

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A letter from Mr. Carkesse, Secretary to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs of the 6th instant, transmitting a copy of the Inspector General's Leidger of Imports and Exports from Christmas, 1715, to Christmas, 1716, was read.

A letter from Sir Edward Gould [*fo.* 408, 424] of the 10th inst., with a particular Account of the Constitution of the Free Port at Leghorn, was read.

A letter from Mr. Secretary Craggs [*fo.* 462] of the 9th instant, referring to the Board the Extract of one from Mr. Henshaw, Consul at Genoa, relating to a small National duty laid there on Goods imported in British ships for defraying the incident charges on the Factories there, which said letter and Extract were read.

Whereupon ordered that the Secretary write to Sir Edward Gould and thank him for his Account of the Constitution of the post of Leghorn, and also acquaint him, that their Lordships desire to be informed whether there is a Duty or an Extraordinary Primage raised on all Goods imported at Leghorn in British ships by the English Factory there, for defraying the National Charges; how much that duty is? do all Foreigners who import Goods in British ships pay that Duty? since what time have they paid it? And is it by virtue of an order from the Great Duke, or by their own voluntary consent.

A letter from Mr. Cumings [*fo.* 142] Custom House Officer at Boston, to the Board, dated the 15th July, 1718, with an Account of Foreign Goods imported, was read.

A letter from the said Mr. Cuming to the Secretary, dated the 15th July, 1718, proposing an Inspector General of Imports and Exports there &c., was read.

Massachusetts.

A letter from Mr. Bridger [*fo.* 163, 425] Surveyor of His Majesty's Woods in North America to the Board, dated at Boston, the 14th July, 1718, complaining of the disobedience of the people to the Acts for preserving those woods, and justifying himself from some informations against him by Mr. Elisha Cooke and others, which said letter was read, as also the following papers therewith transmitted, vizt. :—

Copy of a letter from Mr. Elisha Cooke to the Speaker of the Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, complaining of undue practices used to oblige the Inhabitants of the Province of Main to pay contribution to Mr. Bridger for liberty to cut Logs in that province, with Mr. Bridger's answer and Mr. Cooke's and Bridger's reply thereto.

Copy of several papers vindicating Mr. Bridger from an accusation of having exacted Money from the Inhabitants of the Province of Main, for liberty to cut logs there.

A letter from the said Mr. Bridger, Surveyor of the Woods, to the Secretary, dated at Boston, 14th July, 1718, complaining of Mr. Elisha Cooke and the want of salaries for his deputies, was read.

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September 30. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their Lordships taking again into consideration Col. Kane's observations and proposals [*fo.* 406, 420] mentioned in the Minutes of the 22nd and 31st of July and 21st August last, relating to the Island of Minorca, made a further progress therein and gave directions for preparing an answer upon the respective articles of his said proposals.

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October 1. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Their Lordships took into further consideration Col. Kane's proposals [*fo.* 419] relating to the Island of Minorca, mentioned in yesterday's minutes : And some observations upon the respective Articles of his said proposals, were agreed and ordered to be transcribed ; and a letter for transmitting the same to Mr. Secretary Craggs, was immediately drawn up and signed.

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A letter from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York to the Board, dated the 7th of July, 1718, was read, and also the following paper therein referred to, vizt. :—

New York.

Extract of an additional instruction from Her late Majesty to Brigadier Hunter, dated the 21st of February, 17¹⁰/₁₁, relating to building a Fort.

Another letter from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York and New Jersey to the Board, dated, also the 7th of July last, transmitting the Old Seal of New York and relating to Counsellors in New Jersey, was read.

A third letter from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York to the Secretary, dated likewise the 7th of July, 1718, relating to Mr. Mulford and the Acts of Revenue there, was read.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New Jersey to the Board, dated the 11th of July, 1718, transmitting the Old Seal of that province and rectifying a mistake about Mr. George Deacon, one of the Council there, was read.

A letter from Brigadier Hunter to the Board, dated the 14th of July, 1718, transmitting an abstract of the Imports from the Western Islands and also Naval Office Lists from the province of New York, which said letter was read, and the accounts were laid before the Board and are as follows, vizt. :—

Account of Madera Wines imported into New York from Midsummer, 1715, to Midsummer, 1718.

Naval Officers Lists of Ships, entered and cleared from 25th March, 1718, to 25th June following.

An extract from a letter from Brigadier Hunter Govr. of New York to Mr. Philips, Agent for that province, dated the 7th of July, 1718, was read, as were likewise the following papers therein referred to concerning Mr. Mulford's complaints &c.

Petition of the Inhabitants of Suffolk County to Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York, relating to an address signed by them to His Majesty concerning the Whale Fishery there.

Address of several Inhabitants of New York to His Majesty, for a redress of their grievances under the Administration of Brigadier Hunter. As also

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Representation of the Council and General Assembly of New York, to the Lords of the Committee for hearing appeals from the plantations in favour of Brigadier Hunter against the complaints of Mr. Mulford and others.

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A letter from Mr. Carkesse, [fo. 376] Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, dated the 5th February 17 $\frac{1}{8}$, transmitting, as desired, an Account of the Exports of East India prohibited goods from this Kingdom to Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey and to the plantations, which said letter was read, and the Account inclosed laid before the Board.

A letter from the Secretary to Sir Edward Gould [fo. 416] signifying their Lordships desire to be informed whether there is a Duty or Extraordinary Primage raised on all goods imported at Leghorn in British ships, by the English Factory there for defraying the National Charges, as directed in the Minutes of the 23rd of last month, was signed.

October 2. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Trade.

A representation from the British Factory at Oporto, [fo. 412, 427] dated the 18th of May, 1715, was read.

A letter from Mr. Thomson, Consul at Algier, to the Board, dated the 18th of July, 1715, relating to the declension of the British Trade there, and the reason thereof, was read.

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A letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs [fo. 425] for His Majesty's pleasure, whether the Commissions for trying Pirates in the West Indies may not now be sent thither by the first opportunity, was signed.

October 3. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Massachusetts.

A letter from Mr. Bridger [fo. 418, 431] Surveyor of His Majesty's Woods in North America, to the Board, dated at Portsmouth in New Hampshire, the 26th of August, 1718, complaining of the destruction of large Mast Trees in His Majesty's Woods there, was read. Whereupon ordered that the above mentioned letter from Mr. Bridger and another lately received from him on the same subject, with the papers therein referred to, as likewise a copy of his Commission and Instructions as Surveyor of His Majesty's Woods on the continent of America, together with the Charter granted by King William and Queen Mary, to the province of the Massachusetts Bay and a copy of the 29th article of His Majesty's instructions to Col. Shute for that Government relating thereto, be sent to Mr. West to be perused and considered by him, that their Lordships may discourse with him thereupon.

Antegoa.

Mr. Francis Carlisle of the Island of Antegoa [fo. 437] attending with Mr. Rowland Tryon and Mr. Nivine, Agent for that Island, presented to the Board a Memorial praying that he may supply a vacancy in the Council of Antegoa by the death of Col. William Thomas there, was read; and their Lordships agreed to take the same into consideration at a convenient opportunity.

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A letter from Mr. Herne, Consul at Alicant, to the Board, dated the 15th of July N.S. 1715, with an account from the Factory of the State of their Trade, was read.

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Ordered that the Secretary write to Mr. Martin [*fo.* 443], Inspector General of His Majesty's Customs, for an account of the total quantities of Coffee, Tea, Pepper, and Calicoes imported into this Kingdom and re-exported in each of the following years vizt.:—1699, 1700, 1701, 1713, 1714, and 1715, as also for an account of the total value of the Drugs (rated in the book of rates), that have been imported and re-exported in each of the said six years.

Mr. West attending, their Lordships proceeded in considering the Acts undermentioned, passed at New York in 1714 and 1715, which were severally read, and their Lordships directed to be noted on the said Acts as expressed under the titles of each respective Act, vizt. :—

New York.

Passed in 1714.

An Act for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony. No objection.

An Act for encouraging the Indian Trade at Albany. Expired. No objection.

Passed in 1715.

An Act for the better explaining An Act of General Assembly passed in 1714, entituled An Act for paying the several sums of money claimed as debts of this Colony to the several persons therein named and to make and inforce the currency of Bills of Credit to the value of £27,680, also to make void all claims from this Colony before 1st June, 1714, and to prevent this Colony from being in debt for the future. To be confirmed.

An Act for laying a Duty on Goods sold by Auction &c. No objection.

An Act for preserving of Oysters. No objection.

An Act declaring John Stoss free from the Duty of Tonnage. No objection.

An Act for building a County House &c. in Dutchess County. No objection.

An Act for encouraging Navigation. No objection.

An Act for reviving the Militia Act. Their Lordships resolved to read the revived Act itself, passed 1st Anne.

An Act for the Treasurers paying several persons therein named and for paying the Excise in arrear to the Treasurer. Has had its effect.

An Act for continuing an Act for appointing Commissioners, to let to Farm the Excise &c. Expired.

An Act for repairing the County House &c. of Ulster. Has had its effect. No objection.

An Act for relieving the Inhabitants of South Carolina from the Duties on Goods, Slaves &c. which they shall import in six months. Has had its effect. No objection.

An Act for the better repairing the Fortifications of Albany &c. No objection.

An Act for destroying Wolves in Orange County. Expired. No objection.

An Act for reviving An Act to prevent the running away of Negroes to the French. Their Lordships resolved to read the revived Act itself, passed, 4th Anne.

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An Act for repairing the Fortifications of Schenectedy etc.
No objection.

Ordered that an Act passed in New York, the 5th of July, 1715, for a General Naturalization together with Sir Edward Northey's report (N. York B6. Nr. 104) and opinion dated the 1st April, 1718, as also an extract of several letters from Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of that Province, relating to the Act above mentioned, be referred to Mr. West [fo. 432], and that he be desired to give their Lordships a draught of such alterations as he may think proper to be recommended to Brigadier Hunter to be passed into a new law.

Massachusetts.

October 7. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.
Two letters to Mr. West [fo. 418, 425, 445], the one upon which Mr. Bridger, Surveyor of the Woods on the continent of America, writes relating to the waste committed in those Woods, the other [fo. 431] relating to an Act of Naturalization at New York, were agreed and ordered to be sent.

Virginia.

A letter from Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Govr. of Virginia to the Board, dated the 14th August last, was read, and the papers undermentioned, therein referred to, were laid before the Board, vizt. :—

Minutes of Council of Assembly from the 23rd April, 1718, to 10th July following.

Journal of the House of Burgesses from 23 April to 10th July, 1718.

Four Acts passed in Virginia, the 23rd April, 1718.

Minutes of the Council of Virginia from the 12th November, 1717, to 30th July, 1718.

Copies of Acts with extracts of the Governor's Commissioner and Instructions relating to the Collation to Ecclesiastical Benefices in Virginia.

Six Proclamations issued by Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Govr. of Virginia in the years 1717 and 1718.

Naval Officers Lists of Ships and Vessels importing and exporting Goods and Merchandises from the Madera or Western Islands to and from Virginia between 25th March, 1715, and 25th March, 1718.

Lists of Grants of Land from June, 1710, to June, 1718.

Account of His Majesty's Revenue of Quit Rents from 25th April, 1717, to 23rd April, 1718.

Account of the Revenue of 2s. per Hogshead from 25th October, 1717, to 25th April, 1718.

Whereupon directions were given for preparing the Draught of a letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs [fo. 108, 445] upon what Col. Spotswood proposes about settlements to be made at the Lake Erie, and in the passes of the great Mountains on the back of Virginia.

New York.

A Representation for repealing An Act passed at New York the 4th of September, 1714, entituled *An Act for shortning of Law Suits and regulating the practice of the Law*, was signed.

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October 8. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Sir Edward Gould of the 6th instant, in answer to one

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relating to a duty raised by the British Factory at Leghorn on Goods imported there in British Shipping, was read; whereupon some directions were given for preparing an answer to Mr. Secretary Craggs's letter mentioned in the minutes of the 23rd of the last month, upon the extract of one from Mr. Henshaw, Consul at Genoa, relating to a National Duty imposed there likewise by the Factory on Goods imported into Genoa, in British ships.

A Memorial from several Merchants trading to New York praying the Board to report upon An Act of that Province for raising money by way of Bills for payment of Debts, was read; whereupon ordered that they be acquainted with their Lordships having had the said Act under consideration, and writ to Brigadier Hunter, Governor of the said Province, concerning it, and that as soon as his answer is received, which is shortly expected, the Board will represent their opinion to his opinion to His Majesty upon the said Act.

New York.

Mr. West then attending, their Lordships proceeded to take into consideration the Acts undermentioned, passed at New York in the years 1715 and 1716, and agreed and ordered to be noted thereupon as expressed under the title of each respective Act vizt. :—

Acts passed in 1715.

An Act to oblige the Inhabitants in each particular Ward in New York to make good their Quota of all Publick Taxes.

No objection. To lye by probationary.

An Act to exempt Hannah Martin &c. from payment of Taxes for twelve Negroes imported, &c. No objection. Has had its effect.

An Act for discharging Capt. Peter Vanbrugh &c. concerning the provisions and other stores of War formerly in their hands. No objection.

An Act continuing an Act for the easier partition of Lands in joint Tenancy or in common. Has had its effect.

Acts passed in 1716.

An Act for the Treasurers paying to His Excellency 1025 oz. of Silver Plate. Has had its effect.

An Act for destroying Wolves and Foxes in West Chester County. No objection. To lye by.

October 9. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Barrington to the Secretary, [*fo.* 426, 443, 446] dated 4th inst., desiring him to move the Board, that John Yeamans Esqr. may supply the present vacancy in the Council of the Island of Antigua by the death of Col. William Thomas, was read; and an answer thereto agreed and ordered to be sent.

Antigua.

Their Lordships taking into consideration the draught of a Representation, relating to Trade and Fishery at Newfoundland, ordered that the Secretary write to Mr. Burchet to signify the Boards desire of speaking with Capt. Passenger and Capt. Wade on Thursday morning next, and that he will acquaint them therewith or give notice where they may be writ to if in England.

Newfoundland.

A letter from Mr. Pointz, Consul General at Lisbon, dated 17th September, 1718 N.S. in answer to one from the Secretary for an

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account of our Fish Trade there, was read, and directions given to the Secretary for writing to him thereupon.

Newfoundland. October 10. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney.
A letter from Mr. Burchet, Secretary to the Admiralty [*fo.* 438, 447], dated yesterday, signifying that he had writ to Capt. Passenger and Capt. Wade to attend this Board according to their Lordships desire, was read.

Trade. A letter from Mr. Russell, Consul at Sevilla &c. dated at Cadiz, the 25th July, 1715, relating to the British Trade there, was laid before the Board with the papers undermentioned therein referred to, being duplicates of what Mr. Russell mentions in his said letter to be sent to the Secretarys Office, vizt. :—

Propositions of the Factory of Cadiz for the security and encouragement of the British Trade to Spain and its Dominions.
Remarks on the new Treaty of Commerce with Spain sent from Cadiz to the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke the 3rd June, 1714.

Representation of things necessary to be laid before His Britannick Majestys Ambassador to his Catholic Majesty for redress relating to the British Trade.

Representation of the Consul and Merchants of Sevilla and St. Lucar, relating to the state of British Trade there.

And the said Representation of the Consul and Merchants of Sevilla and St. Lucar was read.

A letter from Sir Martin Westcomb, Consul at Cadiz, dated the 7th of July, 1715, with an Account from that Factory of the State of their Trade, was likewise laid before the Board.

New York.

Mr. West attending, their Lordships took into consideration the Acts undermentioned, passed at New York in 1716 and 1717, which were severally read, and ordered that they should lye by, vizt. :—

An Act nominating Commissioners to let to farm the Excise through the Colony.

An Act for discharging Col. Kilian Van Renseluar, Major Dirick Wessels and Mindert Schuyler Esqrs. of the City of Albany, for and concerning the provisions, ammunitions &c. formerly in their hands belonging to this Colony.

An Act for the repairing of the Fortifications of the City of Albany and providing them Military Watches with fire wood.

An Act to inable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to raise the sum of £500 for altering the course of the Common Sewer at the end of the Broad Street and for cleansing and scowering the Dock of this City.

An Act for laying a Duty on Goods sold by Auction &c.

An Act reviving an Act, intituled An Act for encouraging the Indian Trade at Albany.

An Act for annexing that part of the Manor of Levingston which now lies in Dutchess County to the County of Albany.

An Act for exempting the Pink Charlotte from paying the Duty of Tonnage.

An Act declaring a Sloop now upon the Stocks in the Colony of Connecticut, belonging to Mr. Jacob Moene, free from the Duty of Tonnage.

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An Act to clear a Sloop upon the Stocks in the province of New York, belonging to Col. Johnson, from the Duty of Tonnage.

An Act declaring a Sloop called the Good Intent, built at Newport in Rhode Island, belonging to Messrs. Benjamin Faneril, Thomas Bayeux, Andrew Tresneau, David Minevielle, free from the Duty of Tonnage.

October 14. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Ordered that Col. Matthew, [*fo.* 437, 446] Lieut. Govr. of the Leeward Islands, and Mr. Edward Byam be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them on Thursday morning next.

A letter to Sir Isaac Newton [*fo.* 378, 455] to remind him of that writ to him the 6th of August last for an Account of Coynage, was agreed and ordered to be sent.

An Account of Calicoes, Coffee, Pepper and Tea, imported and exported in six years [*fo.* 427], vizt.: the 1698, 1699, 1700, 1712, 1713 and 1714, being received from Mr. Martyn, Inspector General of the Customs, was laid before the Board.

Mr. Ingram's and Mr. Ashurst's [*fo.* 374 and 456] answers to several queries sent them relating to the Clandestine Exportation of Wool, was read, and their Lordships agreed to consider thereof again to-morrow morning. In the meantime, ordered that Mr. Minett, mentioned in the said answer, be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him this day, sev'ning, and that Mr. Ingram be desired to bring with him, to their Lordships at the same time as many of the other persons, to whom he refers in the same answer as can conveniently attend.

A Memorial from several persons concerned in the Woollen Manufacture relating to the Clandestine Exportation of our wool, and the mischief and ill consequence thereof, and praying that care may be taken to suppress it, dated at Stirbich, the 12th September, 1718, was read.

Mr. Richard Terry's Certificate [*fo.* 443, 456] that there is a Woollen Manufactory set up at Versailles, and above two hundred English persons employed therein; that English Wool is very plentiful in France, and that he knew several English owners and smugglers there, dated the 5th September, 1718, was read.

October 15. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Bladen.

A letter from Mr. Lowndes [*fo.* 431, 454] dated the 9th inst., signifying the Lords of the Treasury's desire of the opinion of this Board, upon the inclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Bridger, Surveyor of the Woods on the Continent of America, relating to His Majesty's right to the said Woods, and to the waste committed there, was read, together with the said copy of Mr. Bridger's letter; whereupon directions were given for preparing an answer to Mr. Lowndes.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs [*fo.* 433] inclosing an Extract of Brigadier Hunter's letter of the 7th of July and of Col. Spotwsood's letter of the 14th August last, both relating to the communication

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the French have made from the River of St. Lawrence to that of Mississippi, for His Majesty's pleasure thereupon, was agreed and signed.

New England.

A letter from Mr. Carkesse, Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs, inclosing several accounts of the Imports and Exports to and from New England for three years ending at Midsummer, 1717, was read, and the said Accounts laid before the Board.

October 16. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

Antegoa.

Col. Matthew, Lieut. Genl. of the Leeward Islands, and Mr. Edward Byam, attending as desired [*fo.* 443, 437] their Lordships enquired of them, concerning the character and age of John Yeamans Esqr., recommended by Mr. Barrington to be a Member of His Majesty's Council in Antigua; whereupon Col. Matthew said, he had no personal acquaintance with him but that he knew the said Mr. Yeamans was a person of good family and estate, related to several of the most considerable Gentlemen in the Leeward Islands, and had been educated here in England; Mr. Byam represented to the Board, that he was very well acquainted with Mr. Yeamans abovementioned, and said he was Grandson to the late Lieut. Govr. Yeamans, of a very good character and about 24 or 25 years of age.

The Gentlemen abovementioned being withdrawn, a letter from Mr. Barrington of the 13th instant to the Secretary, relating to the said Mr. Yeamans, was read, and their Lordships agreed to take the same into further consideration at another opportunity.

Newfoundland.

Capt. Passenger and Capt. Wade [*fo.* 439, 466] attending, as desired, their Lordships had some discourse with them concerning the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland, wherein among other things, they respectively said in substance as follows, vizt. :—Capt. Passenger said, that he had formerly transmitted to this Board, a true state of the Newfoundland Trade and Fishery, which in his opinion could not be carried on to the advantage of this Kingdom without first preventing the great abuses committed at Newfoundland by Commanders of Ships and other persons from New England.—That chiefly by means of so many men being carried from Newfoundland to New England, fishermen are become scarce and as he had been informed by Mr. Newman of Dartmouth, the hire of one of the men well skilled in the Fishery, is from 16 to 18 and sometimes £20 for the season, which is six or seven months.—And Capt. Wade as well as Capt. Passenger agreed, that by the great quantity of rum and other liquors brought to Newfoundland the Fishermen and Seamen grow debauched, run in Debt (tho' the best rum was sometimes at 2s. 3d. per Gallon there) and take but few fish.—That the Masters of Ships from this Kingdom often carry Goods to the planters, which last trust the Seamen and Fishermen by a credit allowed by the said Masters, so that such men save nothing in the voyage. These Gentlemen being particularly asked their opinion, what methods might be most proper for preventing the practices of the New England men at Newfoundland and the Seamen and Fishermen being carried to New England; they said that Bonds

might be taken at the Ports the Masters of Ships clear from in this Kingdom with sufficient penalties in case they bring not back the same number of men they carried out (death only excepted). And Capt. Wade proposed a Govr. or Commander in Chief in a small Ship of War at Newfoundland to remain there in Winter as well as Summer.—That no Rum should be permitted to be brought to Newfoundland or to any plantation but from the place where rum was made. And he added that it would be well if no Rum were allowed to be carried to Newfoundland, but what had first been landed in Great Britain, for which when re-exported a Drawback might be allowed.—That such Commander at Newfoundland should have a power to seize such Ships as he should find trading contrary to Law, or with such men on Board as ought to return to this Kingdom; and both the said Gentlemen concurred, that Planters at Newfoundland are a detriment to the Fishery. In relation to Ships and Boats, fishing rooms, Capt. Passenger said, that when he was at Newfoundland, no body there could inform him which they were. And as to the Flakes, the planters often placed them too near to those employed by the Fishing Ships; and they both agreed it would be necessary that no man should be allowed more ground, than he exactly occupies. Capt. Wade proposing a Register to be kept in each Port or Harbour at Newfoundland after the Ships arriving there &c. : Capt. Passenger was of opinion, nobody there was capable of it, or fit to be trusted. They both confirmed to their Lordships that the Woods in Newfoundland are very much rinded and destroyed, so that men must now go five miles to get Wood for stages; and as to the several rules prescribed for the better carrying on the said Fishery, the Act of Parliament relating thereto is very defective, assigning no penalties, or power for putting the same in execution. The quantity of Fish taken last year, Capt. Passenger said, was much larger than in any one year for these seven years past, tho' they wanted a third of the number of Boats employed in the preceding year. And Capt. Wade added that the Fisherman who go from Tinmouth being diligent and following the old methods of Fishing, catch now 300 Quintals of Fish where others have not above 80 or 100 Quintals. And these Gentlemen said that the Fishermen of Dartmouth continue to fish on shares which excited the diligence of the Fishermen and was best for them as well as the Merchants. As to the ill curing of Fish, Capt. Passenger and Capt. Wade concurred with what Mr. Pointz writes in his letter from Lisbon, mentioned in the minutes of the 9th instant, about blasting instead of curing Fish, as did Capt. Passenger concerning the Fish being often spoiled for the Market, which is taken on the Banks off Newfoundland, tho' Capt. Wade seemed of another opinion and thought likewise as to Fish being eaten out with Salt, that a Fish would receive no more Salt than its due; on this occasion these Gentlemen were asked what they had heard or knew of Salt upon Salt; and Capt. Passenger said he had heard nothing of it and thought some salt too strong of itself.—Capt. Wade informed their Lordships that the Dutch carry Salt for their Herring Fishery from Lisbon, and make it over again in Holland to take off the corrosive quality; and both these Gentlemen agreed, that the Dutch

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practise a method of Bleeding all their Herrings as they take them, which we do not.—And they thought this might be one reason why the Herrings cured by the Dutch are preferable to what we do.—Their Lordships returning again to the subject of Newfoundland, inquired what number of Publick Houses were there, to which Capt. Passenger answered there were not above one or two, but what sold some sort of liquor, and they both declared those Publick Houses a nuisance to the Trade and Fishery.—These Gentlemen being further asked, whether the people who remain at Newfoundland would not be prevailed with to remove to Nova Scotia, they answered that those people were in Debt, had no effects, and subsisted only by Fish and that they could not say whether they would remove to Nova Scotia, even upon Incouragement, tho' the said Captains agreed there was a good Fishery on the coast of Nova Scotia.

Capt. Passenger and Captain Wade being withdrawn, their Lordships agreed to proceed in the further consideration of the draught of a Representation relating to the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland on Thursday next.

Trade.

A Letter from Sir Randolph Knipe, relating to our Trade with Denmark, Norway and through the Sound, being communicated to the Board by Mr. Pulteney, was read, and their Lordships resolved to take into further consideration at another opportunity.

Virginia.

The draught of a letter from the Secretary to Mr. Attorney General, upon what Col. Spotswood, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, writes relating to prorogation of Assemblys under adjournment &c. and to the collation of Ministers to Ecclesiastical Benefices, was agreed.

Massachusetts.

The draught of a letter from the Secretary to Mr. Lowndes [*fo.* 445, 473] in answer to his of the 9th instant, relating to His Majesty's Woods in America, was also agreed.

Oct. 17. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Trade.

Sir Isaac Newton, Master Worker of His Majesty's Mint [*fo.* 443] presented to their Lordships the two Accounts of Coinage undermentioned, vizt. :—

An account of the Monies of Gold and Silver coined annually in His Majesty's mint in the Tower of London since the year 1709, from Christmas, to Christmas.

An Account of the Gold monies coined since Christmas, 1717, to the 23rd of July, 1718, inclusive.

New York.

Mr West attending, the two Acts of New York undermentioned which have been revived and continued by other Acts passed in that Province in 1715, were read, to which their Lordships had no objection, vizt. :—

An Act for settling the Militia of this Province and making it more useful for security and defence thereof and for repealing of all former Acts heretofore made in this Province relating to the same. Passed in 1702.

An Act to prevent the running away of Negro Slaves out of the City and County of Albany to the French of Canada, passed in 1705.

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Oct. 21. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney.

Mr. Ingram, attending [*fo.* 444, 467] according to appointment, with several persons undermentioned to whom the said Ingram refers in his answer to several queries relating to the exportation of Wool &c. they were severally called in and upon examination declared as follows, vizt. :—

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Elizabeth Vanhirkirken said she was married in Sweden, and her late husband, something above two years ago was employed in a Woollen Manufacture there which has been set up there about ten years and still subsists under the direction of a Noble Man named Ereuspets ; that since her husbands death that Business is managed by another. That they have a Fuller and Packer there and make chiefly coarse cloth for the Swedish Army but some of a middling sort. That they bought English Wool of one Mr. Wightman, a native of Scotland, residing at Stockholm ; but as to the price given for Wool or what the Cloth in Sweden was sold at, she said she knew it not, being unacquainted with the Trade.

George Cape said he was a Wool Comber, and 16 or 20 years ago was employed in his Trade in Scotland, and then saw Wool publickly shipt off at Leith, which had been brought out of England and that one Wightman transported English Wool thence under the name of Scots Wool. And that the Wool wrought up by the said Cape was of the finest sort and made into Stockings at Edinburgh. That he now combs Wool in Spittle Fields only for the Frame for Stockings, and said he was informed many Frames have been lately set up in France for the same Manufacture. And that 300 men are now employed in and about Calais in combing Wool, and named one Townsend that has gone thither to work. The said Cape being asked how he thought the carrying of our Wool to France might best be prevented, he said, the shipping employed in that Service did but little good, and, that in his opinion this evil practice would best be remedied by Officers at Land and a strict prohibition against Wool unwrought being Waterborn. That the Wool exported hence is generally in the Fleece, and such is as proper for making Says and Serges in France, it being too dear for the Owlars when combed ; that the French and other Foreign Manufactures of Wool must fall, if we could keep our English Wool and that of Ireland at home, with our Fullers Earth, there being no Wool in Europe, except Spain, so good as ours, and no Fullers Earth abroad, but what is sent from this Kingdom.

Jasper Chappel, a seafaring man, acquainted their Lordships that arriving about 16 or 18 months ago at Bourdeaux, in a vessel that came from Lisbon with Salt, he saw three ships from Ireland come into Bourdeaux full laden with Wool, Yarn and Provisions, one of which ships, he understood belonging to Dublin, and that he saw upwards of 40 or 50 packs of the said Wool unloaden.

Mr. Crossland, who said he formerly belonged to the Office of the Commissioners for sick and wounded, attending in behalf of Mr. Minet ; he said Mr. Minet was indisposed and desired to be excused coming to the Board ; whereupon the said Crossland being asked several questions, he acquainted the Board, that whilst he

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was in the said office, during the late War, he had in his custody one Disque, a Frenchman who lived at Boulogne, and was concerned in two Gallies, sometimes as a Privateer and sometimes carrying on the Owling Trade, as divers others he formerly knew. That the said Disque was taken in a Privateer : that he understood they hired ships by the year since the Peace to carry Wool from Scotland and Ireland to France. And Mr. Crossland further said he was informed about a year ago by Mr. Minet (who goes yearly in the summer to France to settle accounts &c.) that there was then a glut of English Wool at Calais, so that those that had the disposal of it were forced to carry it further into the Country.

Mr. Ashurst attending, promised to bring to their Lordships some letters he had received in confirmation of several things set forth in Mr. Ingram's and his answer and memorial, relating to the running of Wool &c.; and upon discourse with him concerning the illegal practices on the coast of Kent and Sussex, he said he knew officers appointed to prevent the running of Wool and prohibited goods, since the late Capt. Baker, were obliged to prosecute offenders at their own charge ; whereas Capt. Baker had better success, when the Crown was at the expence of Prosecutions.—That Mr. Wyat the Solicitor whom these new Officers are obliged to imploy makes them such large Bills that they are discouraged from prosecuting, tho' they dare not complain.—That formerly three or four informations were entered at the Exchequer for 6*s.* 8*d.* whereas Mr. Wyat now charges 30*s.* for each information. That he was of opinion the Owling Trade was not to be prevented, but at the expence of the Crown, except the King's Moiety of Forfeitures were likewise given to the Prosecutor. That the Law in other respects he thought already sufficient ; one Witness being allowed to convict.

Mr. Ingram being then desired to acquaint some of the Commissioners, who acted pursuant to the Act of Parliament passed in the Reign of his late Majesty King William for preventing the Exportation of Wool that the Board would be glad to speak with them on this day Sevensnight, he promised to do it accordingly and attend with them.

Oct. 22. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

Trade.

Upon further consideration of Mr. Secretary Craggs' letter [*fo.* 416, 470], of the 9th of last month, with an extract of one from Mr. Henshaw, Consul at Genova, relating to a national duty to be laid there on English Shipping towards the support of a Chaplin and other publick uses, their Lordships gave directions for preparing an answer to Mr. Secretary's said letter.

Plantations General.

Two letters to the Secretary from Mr. Basket, His Majesty's Printer, [*fo.* 181] dated the 14th and 18th instant, about the Laws of the Plantations he is about to print, were read, whereupon ordered that the Secretary return Mr. Basket the printed book of New York laws and send the first volumn of the Acts of Bermuda to be printed at the same time.

Mr. West attending the Book of Bermuda Acts from 170³/₄, to 171³/₄ were delivered to him by Order to the Board to be perused for printing with the rest.

Their Lordships then proceeded to consider the Acts of New York undermentioned, passed there in the year 1717 which were severally read, vizt. :—

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New York.

An Act to inable Mary the widow and Executrix of John Corbet, deceased, to convey and assign a certain dwelling house and tenement and the ground thereunto belonging, situate and being on the west side of the Broad Street in the City of New York.

An Act for building a County House and Prison in Dutchess County.

An Act reviving an Act entituled An Act for the better settling the Militia of this province and making it more useful for the Security and defence thereof and for repealing all former Acts heretofore made in this province, relating to the same.

An Act for regulating the Ferry between the City of New York and the Island Nassaw.

An Act for the restraining the taking of extravagant and excessive Usury.

An Act for explaining and rendering more effectual An Act for preventing, suppressing and punishing conspiracy and insurrection of Negroes and other Slaves.

An Act to incourage the destroying Foxes and Wild Cats in King's County, Queens County and County of Suffolk.

An Act for paying the Executors of Tho. Codrington Esqr. the arrears due for his service in General Assembly from 14th June, 1705, to the 17th September, 1708.

An Act exempting the Snow or Vessel called the Leghorne from paying the duty of Tonnage.

An Act exempting the Sloop Mary and Hannah from paying the duty of Tonnage.

An Act for paying Johannes Jansen, David Provost and Leonard Lewis Esqrs. the arears due to them for their services in the General Assembly as representatives for the City and County of New York.

An Act reviving an Act prohibiting all persons but John Permitter and his assigns to make Lamb Black during the space of five years.

An Act to invest the property of a certain dwelling house and ground thereto belonging, in the City of New York, in Daniel and Christopher, the Sons of Daniel Robert deceased.

An Act for the further inabling Thomas Whitehead to sell and dispose of some part of the Lands devised to him by his Father.

An Act to prohibit the exportation of Raw hides from this Colony.

And their Lordships gave directions for writing the Brigadier Hunter, Govr. of New York, upon the foresaid Act for explaining and rendering more effectual, An Act preventing suppressing and punishing conspiracy and insurrection of Negroes.

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Oct. 23. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Pulteney.

Newfoundland.

Their Lordships took again into consideration the draught of a Representation [*fo.* 447] relating to the Trade and Fishery of Newfoundland and made a further progress therein.

Oct. 28. Present :—Mr. Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

Trade.

Mr. Ingram attending according to appointment, [*fo.* 456, 469] as also Mr. Haynes, one of the Commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament in the reign of His late Majesty King William for preventing the exportation of Wool out of this Kingdom, Mr. Ingram acquainted the Board, that Sir Benj. Ayloff and Sir William Ashurst, who acted likewise as Commissioners under the said Act of Parliament, were indisposed, and not able to attend : whereupon their Lordships inquired of Mr. Haynes, what proceedings were had by the said Commissioners ? to which he answered that there were several seizures by the Officers under them and condemnations thereof made, that a journal was kept of the Commissioners proceedings tho' Mr. Busfield having it in his custody had mislaid it, but Mr. Haynes said he had taken some minutes out of it himself, and that the Commissioners desired to know what this Board required of them, upon which they would meet and return an answer. Their Lordships then signified to Mr. Haynes that they should be glad to be as fully apprized as might be in writing of the proceedings of the Commissioners abovementioned, with their thoughts as to the expediency of reviving the said Commission or any other the most effectual methods for preventing the exportation of Wool.

Capt. John Edwards attending, acquainted the Board that he had been employed by the Commissioners abovementioned for preventing the exportation of Wool and had made many seizures &c. Whereupon he was desired to put into writing and bring to their Lordships what he knew or had to offer relating to that matter.

Barbadoes.

A letter from Mr. Gordon, dated the 23rd inst. inclosing a printed Sermon, preached by him at Barbadoes, with a preface in answer to Mr. Lowther, the Govr's. accusations against him, was read.

Trade.

A letter from Mr. Neilson, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, dated the 18th, in answer to one of the 8th inst. and 15th of August last [*fo.* 395, 409, 472], relating to the convention with Hamburgh for Herrings, and sending thither a specimen of those caught before St. John Day, was read ; whereupon ordered that the several papers in the office on that subject be looked out to be laid before the Board.

Three letters all dated in August last, [*fo.* 467] relating to the money weekly carried from Deal, Dover, Sandwich and other parts of the Coast of Kent to France for Liquors, were read. Whereupon ordered that copies thereof be sent to Mr. Carkesse for the information of the Commissioners of the Customs, with an extract of Mr. Ingram and Ashurst's answer to queries which relate to that matter, as well as to the exportation of Wool.

Mr. Samuel Winder, Mr. John Adams, and several other Merchants trading to Barbary [*fo.* 406] attending, presented to the Board a

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Petition praying that the ship *Granadier*, may be permitted to go to Barbary for the better accomodating the Merchants to bring off their effects, was read ; and the said Gentlemen were acquainted that the Board had already represented to his Majesty what they conceived proper to be done upon former petitions on this subject, referred to their Lordships. And that if His Majesty should be graciously pleased to refer to them any thing further thereupon, their Lordships should consider and report their opinion of it.

A letter to Mr. Secretary Craggs [*fo.* 462] in answer to his of the 9th of Sept. last, upon a letter from Mr. Henshaw, Consul at Genova, relating to a Duty to be raised on the British Factory there, for support of a Chaplin and other Publick Uses, was signed.

Oct. 30. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter to Mr. Poyntz, Consul General at Lisbon, in answer to his, mentioned in the minutes of the 9th inst., was agreed and ordered to be sent.

Trade.

A letter from Mr. Brown, Consul at Venice, dated the 10th Sept. 1718 N.S. in answer to one from the Secretary, relating to our Fish Trade there, was read.

A letter from Mr. Fuller, Consul at Leghorn, dated the 23rd Sept., 1718 N.S. in answer likewise to one from the Secretary, relating to our Fish Trade there, was also read.

Whereupon directions were given to the Secretary for writing to the said Mr. Brown and Mr. Fuller to the same effect as the letter abovementioned to Mr. Poyntz.

Several papers relating to our Herring trade to Hamburgh [*fo.* 469, 473] being according to order laid before the Board, their Lordships took the same into further consideration, and the draught of a letter to the Right Honble. the Earl Stanhope on that subject was prepared and ordered to be transcribed.

Mr. Basket, His Majesty's Printer attending, their Lordships had some discourse with him about printing the Acts of New York and Bermuda, and gave him some directions therein ; whereupon he promised to dispatch the same as soon as possible.

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Oct. 31. Present :—Sir Charles Cooke, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Bladen.

A letter to the Right Honble. the Earl of Stanhope [*fo.* 472], relating to a convention with the City of Hamburgh for our Herring Trade, as mentioned in the last minutes, was signed.

Trade.

Mr. West attending, their Lordships had some discourse with him upon what the Secretary writ him the 7th inst. by order of the Board [*fo.* 454], relating to the waste committed in His Majesty's Woods on the Continent of America ; whereupon directions were given for preparing a letter to Mr. West to desire his opinion in writing what Woods belong to the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and those claiming under them, and what Woods are the right of and reserved to the Crown.

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